

# Čanlí Coalition of CRST

## Sample Tobacco-Free Policy for Parks and Outdoor Recreational Facilities



### Section 1. Findings of Fact and Purpose

The [insert entities name] finds that:

- a) Commercial Tobacco use in the proximity of children and adults engaging in or watching outdoor activities can be detrimental to their health and can be dangerous to those using the facilities; and
- b) The [insert entities name] has a unique opportunity to create and sustain an environment that supports a non-tobacco norm through a commercial tobacco-free policy, rule enforcement, and adult-peer role modeling; and
- c) Parents, leaders, and officials involved in community events are role models for youth and can have a positive effect on the lifestyle choices they make; and
- d) Commercial tobacco products, once consumed in public spaces, are often discarded on the ground, posing a risk of ingestion to young children and animals, and causing litter problems diminishing the beauty of the park/facility requiring additional maintenance expense; and
- e) The prohibition of commercial tobacco use at [insert entities name] parks and outdoor recreational facilities, including but not limited to [insert names of specific parks or rec facilities] serves to protect the health, safety and welfare of our community.

### Section 2. Prohibitions

Commercial Tobacco use is prohibited in parks and outdoor recreational facilities. The use of Traditional tobacco is not prohibited.

This commercial tobacco policy applies to all employees, independent contractors, and members of the general public while attending and using the park and outdoor recreational facilities. The use of commercial tobacco is prohibited in these areas: [insert all applicable areas including restrooms, picnic, playground, baseball or other related field, performance areas, buildings and their entrances]

### Section 3. Definitions

Commercial tobacco means smoked and smokeless tobacco products manufactured by tobacco companies.

Traditional tobacco means plants such as tobacco, sage, sweet grass, and cedar for healing the mind, body, and spirit. Traditional tobacco is never abused because it is in its natural form without additives.

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**Section 4. Enforcement**

- a) Appropriate signs shall be posted in the above specified areas.
- b) The community, especially event attendees and staff will be notified about this policy.
- c) Staff will make periodic observations of recreational facilities to monitor for compliance.
- d) Any person found violating this policy will be asked to refrain from commercial tobacco use or risk immediate ejection from the event grounds for the remainder of the event.
- e) Community members will be encouraged to help enforce the policy.

**Section 4. Effective Date**

This policy statement is effective immediately upon the date of adoption.

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Signature, Title

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Date

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