



Smoke-Free Parks & Recreation

Across the country, legislation has been enacted to create smoke-free parks and beaches. There are 261 cities and counties that have smoke-free beach laws, and 1,263 cities and counties that have smoke-free park laws. In May 2013, Governor Cuomo announced Smoke-Free Expanded Zones in New York State Parks.



With the 2nd cleanest beach in the nation according to the National Resources Defense Council, and a petition filed on Change.org addressing this issue, it is our desire to join this fast growing national health and environmental movement and enact our own smoke-free legislation.



Cities which have smoke-free park and beach laws include:

- New York
- Chicago
- Los Angeles
- Seattle

JOINING MUNICIPALITIES FROM COAST TO COAST FOR CLEAN AIR AT OUR PARKS & BEACHES

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Tobacco related illness is a leading cause of preventable death in the United States. The U.S. Surgeon General concluded that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Levels of secondhand smoke exposure outdoors can reach levels attained indoors depending upon the direction and amount of wind, and the number and proximity of smokers. In light of this fact, to protect the health and comfort of all patrons at the beach and parks, the City will be making these areas smoke-free zones. Those in violation of this ordinance may face a maximum fine of \$500.

