

**CITY OF SHELBY
PARKS AND RECREATION
TOBACCO-FREE POLICY**

POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Shelby is committed to an enhanced quality of life for all residents; therefore, we believe that:

Tobacco product use in proximity of children, youth, and adults engaging in or watching recreational activities is unhealthy and detrimental to the health of others. Tobacco products once consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground posing a risk of ingestion to toddlers, pets, birds and fish and causing a litter problem. As parents, leaders, coaches, and officials we are considered role models and the use of tobacco products around youth has a negative effect on their lifestyle choices.

TOBACCO-FREE FACILITIES

Effective July 1, 2013, the City of Shelby does not allow the use of tobacco products and they are prohibited at the following City of Shelby Parks and Recreation Buildings, Grounds, and Facilities:

- a) All buildings
- b) Within fifty (50) feet of all athletic fields (The Royster Memorial Golf Course is not included and is considered an exception), concession stands, and restrooms
- c) Inside all playground fences
- d) Carrousel and train rides
- e) Shelby Aquatics Center (except for designated area)

COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

The emphasis on enforcing the Tobacco-free Parks Policy is through voluntary compliance. Signs will be posted at all City of Shelby Parks and Recreation buildings, grounds, and facilities as specified above.

City staff will make periodic observations all City of Shelby Parks and Recreation buildings, grounds, and facilities as specified above to monitor for compliance.

City staff will meet with organizations and/or leaders and coaches to discuss the policy and distribute information about the Tobacco-free Policy. Organizations that utilize these named facilities must commit to complying with this policy.

A community education program in partnership with the Cleveland County Health Department will be implemented to assist in raising awareness about this policy.

A definition of tobacco products is attached to this policy.

DEFINITION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

For the purposes of this policy, tobacco is defined as any type of tobacco product including, but not limited to:

Any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed or ingested by any other means, or any component part or accessory of a tobacco product, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, cheroots, stogies, periques, granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed and other smoking tobacco; snuff; snuff flour, Cavendish; plug and twist tobacco; fine-cut and other chewing tobacco; shorts; refuse scraps, clippings, cutting and sweepings of tobacco, e-cigarettes, hookah and other kinds and forms of tobacco. A tobacco product excludes any product that has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco cessation product, as a tobacco dependence product, or for other medical purposes and is being marketed and sold solely for such an approved purpose. The sale or free distribution of tobacco products, including merchandise, is prohibited at events held on the property.