



AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
NORTH COMPLEX, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5160 MAPLE DRIVE

February 16, 2016

6:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Discussion from DART on 2035 Plan:

The DART Commission is reviewing the DART Forward 2035 Plan and is seeking input from member communities. The representatives from DART will be present to discuss that plan and also be prepared to discuss the DART budget for FY 17.

2. Tobacco Free Parks Ordinance:

The Park and Recreation Commission have been exploring a possible ordinance to make all parks tobacco free. Staff would like to review the proposal with Council.

3. Complete Street Policy:

It has been proposed through the Comprehensive Plan and by the MPO that the City approves a complete street policy. Staff would like to review a proposed policy with Council. This policy has been reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Park and Recreation Commission.

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DATE:	February __, 2016
TO:	Council
FROM:	Heath Ellis
SUBJECT:	Tobacco-Free Parks

BACKGROUND:

The Parks & Recreation Commission is recommended that all parks and trails be designated as tobacco free areas. Alyssa Reichelt, Tobacco Control Coordinator for the American Lung Association has been assisting metro area cities with preparing draft ordinances.

ANALYSIS/IMPACT:

Iowa Law:

According to the Iowa Department of Public Health the Smokefree Air Act restricts smoking in certain areas of the state, county and city parks and recreational facilities. Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed buildings or shelters on park property. Smoking is also prohibited on the grounds (the outdoor area of a public building) used in connection with public buildings. Smoking may be allowed in outdoor park areas such as a parking lot, course of play at a golf course, hiking trail, an individual campsite or campfire, or lake, river, or other water body.

Current City Policy:

No issues have been reported regarding our current policy that was established in 2006 prohibiting smoking within 150 from sports fields during organized youth activities. Since then metro area communities have established a variety of more extensive smoke-free policies.

Possible Impacts:

Establishing smoke-free parks and trails would impact on the Chamber of Commerce's Chill on the Hill event. Chamber Director, Cathy Jensen estimated that nearly 5% of their patrons use a smoking section. Even though the percentage of users is small she believes that making the event smoke free could have a negative impact. The ordinance has been drafted to accommodate this established event.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

If smoke-free parks were implemented signs would have to be posted. The cost for the signs would be free from the American Lung Association however the city would still incur staff time and material costs for posts and hardware.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Parks & Recreation Commission and Staff recommend approval of the ordinance.

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TOBACCO-FREE PARKS AND TRAILS POLICY FOR THE CITY OF PLEASANT HILL, IOWA

WHEREAS, Section 142D.3 of the Code of Iowa (the Smokefree Air Act) prohibits smoking in public places, including the following out-door areas: (a) the seating areas of outdoor sports arenas and (b) the grounds of any public buildings owned or under the control of a city; and

WHEREAS, Section 142D.4 of the Code of Iowa establishes certain areas where smoking is not regulated, such as outdoor areas that are places of employment, except where smoking is prohibited by Section 142D.3; and

WHEREAS, Section 142D.5 of the Code of Iowa permits anyone having custody or control of an area otherwise exempt from the smoking prohibitions to declare the entire area as a tobacco-free place; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pleasant Hill, Iowa, maintains public parks and trails for the use and enjoyment of its citizens, their families and people who visit our community; and

WHEREAS, the use of tobacco products in the presence of and in proximity to those utilizing the parks and trails, particularly the children using the parks and trails, serves to diminish the enjoyment derived from the use of our public parks and trails; and

WHEREAS, the use of tobacco products in public parks and trails presents various health risks to persons using the parks and trails, including the dangers of secondary smoke and the discarded material which can be handled and ingested by children; and

WHEREAS, cigarettes, once consumed in public spaces, are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses, diminish the beauty of the City of Pleasant Hill parks and recreational facilities, and pose a risk to toddlers due to ingestions; and

WHEREAS, a tobacco-free parks and trails policy will complement the current city smoke-free policy in City owned buildings and the Southeast Polk Community School District tobacco-free building and grounds policy and will eliminate any confusion; and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of this Policy tobacco is defined as any smoking or spit tobacco product, including any lit or unlit cigarette, cigar, blunt, bidi, clove cigarette, e-cigarette, electronic delivery system, pipe, chewing tobacco, dissolvable tobacco, dip, snuff, snus or any other emerging tobacco product. This includes any other product or item containing or reasonably resembling tobacco or tobacco products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLEASANT HILL, IOWA, that pursuant to the authority granted by Section 142D.5 of the Code of Iowa, tobacco use is prohibited in all City of Pleasant Hill parks, trails, and outdoor recreational facilities at all times. However, upon request the City Council may grant an

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exclusion for a special event. No person shall use any form of tobacco at or on any City-owned or operated outdoor park, trail, or facility, which includes, but is not limited to, any park, playground, athletic field and complex, skate park, aquatic areas, shelters, restrooms, trails and parking lot areas (excluding approved special events). Tobacco-Free signs shall be posted in all parks, trails, and facilities that conform to the requirements of Section 142D.6 of the Code of Iowa.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Policy will be enforced in the following ways: (a) Appropriate signs shall be posted in the above specified areas; (b) The community, especially park and facility users and staff, will be notified about this Policy; (c) City officials, City employees, parents, coaches and park users are asked to help enforce the compliance to this Policy by bringing the Policy to the attention of the persons violating the Policy; and (d) Any person found violating this Policy at an organized event, especially a youth event, will be asked to cease use of tobacco or leave the city park or facility premises.

This tobacco free park policy shall be effective immediately upon passage on this _____ day of _____, 2016.