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Steve Powers

City Administrator

City of Ann Arbor

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Dear Mr. Powers:

Enclosed please find the Parks Advisory Commission's resolution recommending that you designate certain City parks as "smokefree outdoor public places" under City Ordinance 14-03. The resolution was approved by PAC unanimously yesterday afternoon.

In crafting the resolution PAC considered what other municipalities had done, consulted with an expert and looked closely at all City parks along a number of metrics. In the end – and as the resolution reads – PAC decided that, as an initial matter, it recommends that all parks with playgrounds and those within the DDA district be designated as smokefree public places. The rationale for the parks with playgrounds is self-evident. The inclusion of the four parks within the DDA was motivated by the high volume of traffic in and around those parks and their frequent use as dining spots by people with food from surrounding establishments.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



David A. Santacroce
Chair, Parks Advisory Commission

Enclosure

Cc: PAC

Colin Smith

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE
CITY ADMINISTRATOR THAT CERTAIN PARKS BE DECLARED SMOKE FREE**

Whereas on April 21, 2014 the Ann Arbor City Council passed ordinance 14-03 to add a New Chapter 64 to Title VI (Food and Health) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor to limit smoking in outdoor public places (the “Ordinance”);

Whereas the Ordinance provides that, among other things, the City Administrator may designate any City park or portion thereof as a smokefree outdoor public place in consultation with the Parks Advisory Commission (“PAC”);

Whereas PAC, through a sub-committee and in consultation with City staff, examined the implementation of similar bans in other municipalities, consulted with a public health expert, and reviewed various methods of signage prohibiting smoking;

Whereas based on this work, PAC determined that City Parks with playgrounds and those within the Downtown Development Authority District should, in the first instance, be those where smoking is prohibited;

Now, therefore be it resolved that PAC:

1. Recommends to the City Administrator that, based on the above criteria, the parks on the attached list (‘Exhibit A’) be designated as “smokefree outdoor public places” under the Ordinance; and
2. That the City Administrator instruct Parks staff to: (i) post the appropriate signage as contemplated by the Ordinance; (ii) monitor both the effect and effectiveness of the ban as time and resources permit; (iii) report these findings to PAC one year after the implementation of the smokefree designations at which time PAC will consider whether it will recommend to the City Administrator that additional parks should be designated as “smokefree outdoor public places” under the Ordinance.

EXHIBIT A



City of Ann Arbor Parks with Playgrounds

1. Allmendinger Park
2. Arbor Oaks Park
3. Bader Park
4. Baxter Park
5. Beckley Park
6. Belize Park
7. Bromley Park
8. Brookside Park
9. Bryant Community Center
10. Buhr Park
11. Burns Park
12. Burr Oak Park
13. Churchill Downs Park
14. Clinton Park
15. Cloverdale Park
16. Cranbrook Park
17. Creal Park
18. Ellsworth Park
19. Esch Park
20. Evergreen Park
21. Foxfire North Park
22. Frisinger Park
23. Fritz Park
24. Fuller Park
25. Gallup Park
26. Garden Homes Park
27. Glacier Highlands Park
28. Greenbrier Park
29. Hansen Nature Area
30. Hunt Park
31. Huron Highlands Park
32. Island Park
33. Kelly Park
34. Kilburn Park
35. Landsdowne Park
36. Las Vegas Park
37. Leslie Park
38. Longshore Park
39. Mary Beth Doyle Park
40. Maryfield Wildwood Park
41. Meadowbrook Park
42. Mixtwood Pomona Park
43. Mushroom Park
44. North Main Park
45. Northside Park
46. Olson Park
47. Pilgrim Park
48. Placid Way Park
49. Plymouth Parkway Park
50. Riverside Park
51. Rose Park
52. Rose White Park
53. Scheffler Park
54. South Maple Park
55. SouthEast Area Park
56. Sugarbush Park
57. Sylvan Park
58. The Ponds
59. Turnberry Park
60. Veterans Memorial Park
61. Virginia Park
62. Ward Park
63. Waterworks Park
64. Waymarket Park
65. Wellington Park
66. West Park
67. Wheeler Park
68. White Oak Park
69. Winchell Park
70. Windemere Park
71. Winewood Thaler Park
72. Woodbury Park
73. Wurster Park

City of Ann Arbor Parks within DDA District

1. Farmers Market
2. Kempf House
3. Liberty Plaza
4. Sculpture Plaza