

TO: Park & Recreation Advisory Committee
FROM: Dave Schletty, P & R
DATE: August 8, 2023
SUBJECT: Smoking in Parks



City of West St. Paul

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2008, the City Council adopted the attached policy for tobacco-free parks, after a group of high school students asked the PRAC and City Council to consider joining the then tobacco-free parks movement.

With the recent statutory changes legalizing cannabis use throughout the state, including in parks and public spaces, the City Council reviewed the matter at a recent work session. The Council was interested in having the PRAC review and update the City's existing tobacco policy to cannabis. The attached draft policy models a similar policy recently adopted by Dakota County.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Consider the attached smoke-free park policy and recommend any changes or direction for moving forward with adoption.