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ORDINANCE NO. 630

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON ESTABLISHING TOBACCO USE REGULATIONS IN ALL SHORELINE PARK AREAS

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline has the authority to regulate park facilities, as defined in Shoreline Municipal Code Chapter 8.12, to promote the health, public safety, and general welfare of park users; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline City Council adopted a Healthy City Strategy Work Plan for Shoreline in September 2011 that included a strategy goal of making all of Shoreline's parks and public sites a tobacco-free zone; and

WHEREAS, Shoreline's parks are intended for the healthy enjoyment of all citizens, including children and youth; and

WHEREAS, allowing smoking and tobacco use in parks, playgrounds, beaches and ball fields that are seen as 'health-promoting environments' can send a message to children, youth and other adults that using tobacco products is consistent with a healthy environment and a healthy lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that children and youth that have been exposed to smoking and tobacco use are more likely to smoke when they get older; and

WHEREAS, smoking and tobacco use in parks has resulted in litter of cigarette butts, cigar butts and other tobacco-related waste, which studies have shown can cause environmental damage to our parks and can pose a health risk to children and animals; and

WHEREAS, the City Council received testimony from a representative of Public Health – Seattle and King County that smoking and tobacco use causes almost 2,000 premature deaths in King County each year; and

WHEREAS, some of this 'human cost' of smoking is related to second-hand smoke, and even outdoors, second-hand smoke can have serious health consequences for non-smokers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE,
WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. New Section. A new section, Section 8.12.395, *Tobacco use in parks*, is hereby added to Article III of Chapter 8.12, *Rules Governing Use of Facilities – (Part I)*:

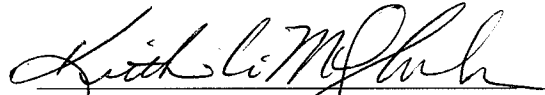
8.12.395 Tobacco use in parks.

No person shall use tobacco in any park area. Tobacco use is defined as the smoking or lighting of cigarettes, cigars, or pipe tobacco, or the use of smokeless tobacco.

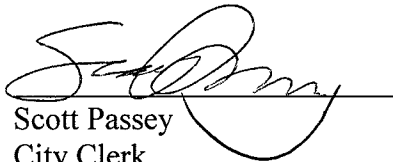
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Section 2. Effective Date and Publication. A summary of this ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. The ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five days after passage and publication.

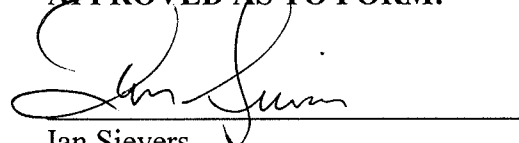
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 26, 2011.


Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Scott Passey
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Ian Sievers
City Attorney

Publication Date: March 29, 2012
Effective Date: April 3, 2012