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Buffalo Grove Park District Updates No Smoking Ordinance To Include Electronic Cigarettes

(Buffalo Grove Park District, Buffalo Grove, IL) - In July of 2005, the Buffalo Grove Park District passed an ordinance prohibiting smoking anywhere on Park District property. That ordinance has now been updated to also include electronic cigarettes.

The full ordinance can be found under Section 1.23 - Limitations On Smoking Within Parks and Other Property under the General Information section on the Park District's website at bgparks.org. The ordinance reads as follows:

Section 1: Tobacco smoking prohibited within parks: It shall be unlawful to smoke tobacco within any Parks and other property under the jurisdiction of the Park District. "Smoking" means the act of inhaling the smoke from or possessing a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or any other form of tobacco or similar substance used for smoking. This includes electronic cigarettes (e-cigs or e-cigarettes), personal vaporizers (PV) or electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) or any other device that simulates tobacco smoking by producing an aerosol that resembles smoke.

Section 2: Penalty For Violation: Any person violating the provisions of Section 2 hereof shall be given a warning. A person found guilty of further violations shall be subject to revocation of any permit issued by the Park District and, in addition, shall be fined for any subsequent violations during the calendar year as follows: 1st offense: Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00); 2nd offense: not less than Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00); 3rd offense: not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00); 4th offense: not less than Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). The maximum fine shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each such violation.

"No fine has ever been assessed for a smoking violation," said Buffalo Grove Park District executive director, Ryan Risinger. He added, "Since we first instituted this policy almost 10 years ago, we have been very successful in getting compliance by politely letting people know about the ordinance when we see someone smoking on Park District property. On those rare occasions when that happens, people are

apologetic, and always put out their cigarette. Like there was back when we first passed the ordinance, there will probably be a period of time in which we need to promote the policy and educate the public as to what the rules are; but, we don't anticipate there being any significant issues or a need to impose any fines."

The Buffalo Grove Days festival is being relocated to Mike Rylko Community Park this year, making it the first year ever that the event will be entirely on Park District property.

"In the past, when only the carnival was on Park District property, there was a lot of confusion as to where smoking was or was not allowed, said Buffalo Grove Park District Board President, Adriane Johnson.

"Now that the entire festival is going to be on Park District property, there is no confusion. The entire Buffalo Grove Days festival will be a completely smoke-free event."

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