

# Delta Township Parks & Trails Smoke-Free Policy

October 7, 2013

**WHEREAS**, the Delta Township Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries Commission believes that smoking in the proximity of children and adults engaging in or watching outdoor recreational activities at Delta Township owned or operated parks & trails is detrimental to their health and can be offensive to those using such facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Delta Township Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries Commission has a unique opportunity to create and sustain an environment that supports a Smoke-free norm through a smoke free policy, rule enforcement, and adult-peer role modeling on Delta Township owned outdoor recreational facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delta Township Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries Commission believes parents, leaders, and officials involved in recreation are role models for youth and can have a positive effect on the lifestyle choices they make; and

**WHEREAS**, cigarettes, once consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses, diminish the beauty of the Delta Township Parks & Trails and pose a risk to toddlers due to ingestion; and

**WHEREAS**, exposure to the dangers of secondhand smoke pose a health hazard to all; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries Commission determines that the prohibition of smoking at the Delta Township Parks & Trails serves to protect the health, safety and welfare of the parks & trails users.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that smoking is prohibited in outdoor recreational facilities. No person shall smoke at or on any Delta Township owned or operated outdoor recreational facilities, including restrooms, spectator and concession areas. These facilities include playgrounds, athletic fields, parks, and walking/hiking trails.

## **Section 2: Enforcement**

1. Appropriate signs shall be posted in the above specified areas.
2. The community, especially parks & trails users and staff, will be notified about this policy.
3. Staff will make periodic observations of parks & trails to monitor for compliance.
4. Any person found violating this policy may be subject to immediate ejection from the parks & trails.

**Section 3: Effective Date**

This policy is effective immediately upon the date of adoption, which is signed below.

Signed by:



Dan S. Baker

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Delta Township Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries Commission.

10-7-2013

Date