

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-XXX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON AMENDING CHAPTER 12.04 TITLED "PARK AND RECREATION AREA USE REGULATIONS" ADDING SECTIONS 12.04.230 TOBACCO USE IN CITY PARKS AND SECTION 12.040.231 TOBACCO USE IN CITY PARKS – ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that numerous scientific studies and data have suggested that secondhand tobacco smoke is a major cause of disease, including lung cancer, in non-smokers, with a heightened risk to the elderly, individuals with cardiovascular disease, and individuals with impaired respiratory function including asthmatics and those with obstructive airway disease; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has classified secondhand tobacco smoke as a class A carcinogen known to cause cancer in humans; and

WHEREAS, in early 2006, following a comprehensive four year study the California Air Resources Board declared secondhand smoke a toxic air contaminant, which has been linked to 400 additional lung cancer deaths a year in non-smokers, 3,600 fatal heart attacks and 31,000 asthma attacks in children; and

WHEREAS, the list of health hazards associated with breathing secondhand tobacco smoke includes lung cancer, respiratory infection, decreased exercise tolerance, decreased respiratory function, bronchoconstriction and bronchospasm; and

WHEREAS, nonsmokers with allergies, respiratory ailments and others who suffer the ill effects of breathing secondhand smoke may experience a loss of job productivity or miss work because of the ill effects of tobacco on their health and higher costs to employers may result due to an increase in absenteeism, accidents, the cost of medical care, and loss of productivity; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these health hazards, smoking and the improper disposal of cigarettes is a documented environmental and fire hazard; and

WHEREAS, smokeless tobacco is not a safe alternative and causes its own share of death and disease including lung, larynx, esophageal, and oral cancer; and the regular use of snuff doubles the users risk of cardiovascular disease and death; and

WHEREAS, electronic cigarettes and similar nicotine delivery devices are not safe alternatives to smoking, of which the full health impacts are not completely known, although at minimum, the same adverse health effects from smoking are apparent; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds that smoking in public parks and associated facilities is a positive danger to health, and that prohibiting smoking in parks is thus necessary to preserve the public safety, health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Sections 15301, 15304 and 15307 of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended (“CEQA”), because the adoption of smoking prohibited in all parks will not have a significant effect on the environment and therefor such action is exempt from CEQA review.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the City Council of the City of American Canyon on June 3, 2014 after due notice was given as required by law, at which time oral and documentary evidence was introduced along with a recommendation by the Parks and Community Services Commission of the City of American Canyon.

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered all information related to this matter, as presented at the public meeting of the City Council identified herein, including any supporting reports by City Staff, and any information provided during public meetings.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1

Chapter 12.04 of the American Canyon municipal Code titled “Park and Recreation Area Use Regulations” is hereby amended by adding new section 12.04.230 to read as follows:

Chapter 12.04 PARK AND RECREATION AREA USE REGULATIONS

12.04.230 Tobacco use in City parks

In City Parks and Recreation Facilities, the use of tobacco products including but not limited to cigarette smoking, use of electronic cigarettes or similar nicotine delivery devices and use of smokeless tobacco is prohibited. Parks and Recreation Facilities is defined as parks, landscaped trail areas, landscape areas proximate to recreation facilities including the Philip West Aquatic Center, Senior Multiuse Center, Recreation Center, Community Gym and any other similar facilities.

In addition to common Municipal Code violation practices, violators of this chapter shall be referred to a local anti-smoking program.

The parks and Recreation Director may authorize the creation of designated smoking areas for events lasting longer than four hours.

SECTION 2

Chapter 12.04 of the American Canyon Municipal Code titled “Park and Recreation Area Use Regulations” is hereby amended by adding new section 12.04.231 to read as follows:

Chapter 12.04 PARK AND RECREATION AREA USE REGULATIONS

12.04.231 Tobacco use in City parks - Enforcement

Pursuant to American Canyon Municipal Code Section 1/24/010 violation of tobacco use in city parks constitutes an infraction unless such violation is specifically designated. (Ord. 2013-08 2, 2013)

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council
on the _____, of _____ 2014 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN

**Leon Garcia, Mayor
City of American Canyon**

ATTEST:

Rebekah Barr, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William D. Ross, City Attorney