

COMMERCIAL TOBACCO-FREE PARKS, BEACHES, AND OTHER OUTDOOR RECREATION AREAS

Enacting commercial* tobacco-free parks and beaches policies would:



REDUCED COSTS

Tobacco-free policy may help to reduce maintenance costs due to reduced staff time needed for litter and waste clean-up.



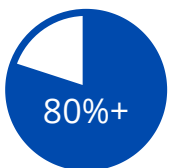
ELIMINATE FIRE HAZARDS

Smoldering cigarette butts, matches, and e-cigarettes can cause fires.



REDUCE SECONDHAND EXPOSURE

There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke or e-cigarettes, even in outdoor spaces.



PROTECT NONSMOKER'S RIGHTS

Over 80% of Michiganders and tourists are nonsmokers.



KEEP KIDS SAFE

Cigarette butts, e-cigarette pods and cartridges and tobacco-related litter are picked up and mouthed by babies and toddlers.



MAINTAIN PURE MICHIGAN

Michigan is lucky to have beautiful public parks and beaches. Let's do the right thing and make them tobacco-free.

Local policy enactment

State law does not regulate most smoking and tobacco use outdoors. Neither federal nor state law prohibits local governments from regulating commercial tobacco use outdoors. This means that **local governments can enact policies to regulate commercial tobacco use in local parks, beaches, and recreation areas.**

Model policies are available that can be adapted for local use. Technical assistance with policy development and adoption is available through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Tobacco Control Program at 517-335-8376.

For more information on why commercial tobacco use should be regulated in Michigan's public beaches, parks, and other outdoor recreational areas, **please visit** michigan.gov/tobacco.

*Communities seeking to enact tobacco-free policies in areas where sacred/ceremonial tobacco use may occur should prohibit commercial tobacco use and include an exemption for sacred/ceremonial tobacco use.

**Tobacco free means all commercial tobacco products, including e-cigarettes and other new generation products such as the IQOS (I Quit Ordinary Smoking), pouches, smokeless tobacco, cigarillos, cigars, strips, sticks and orbs, etc.