

## **City of New Hope Tobacco-Free Policy for City-Owned Property**

**Policy:** No person shall use tobacco products in city-owned buildings, vehicles, parkland, park facilities, and open space. This policy is a 24-hour, seven-day per week policy.

**Purpose:** The city of New Hope is committed to the quality of life for all residents, therefore, we believe that:

- Tobacco product use in the proximity of youth and adults is unhealthy and detrimental to the health of others.
- Tobacco products consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground, thus posing a risk of ingestion to toddlers and causing a litter problem.

**Exceptions:** The following are exceptions to this policy.

1. City Hall, Ice Arena and Golf Course grounds,
2. Victory Park Playfields,
3. City-owned parking areas,
4. As part of a recognized religious/cultural activity or ceremony,
5. Special events designated by city staff.

**Implementation:** The emphasis on enforcing the Tobacco-Free Policy is through voluntary compliance.

1. Appropriate areas will be signed.
2. The community will be notified about this policy through city publications and on the city web site.
3. City staff will make periodic observations of facilities and parkland to monitor for compliance.

**Adoption date:** December 12, 1988; Revised January 23, 2012 (Council Resolution 2012-19)