

MEMO

TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission
FROM: Kristine Butteris, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Forestry
DATE: August 7, 2024 (REVISED)
RE: Smoking Ordinance

Commission Members,

The Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department along with the Health Department are seeking your review and a recommendation for Common Council to approve the revised smoking ordinance 410-56(A).

We are requesting this ordinance have one adjustment made to the proposed revision where 25 feet will be struck and replaced with 50 feet. According to UW Population Health Sciences, July 2019, secondhand smoke is detected at 23 feet from the source and irritation levels begin at 13 feet from the source. We felt it best to extend to 50 feet.

Among all the health concerns with smoking, Parks is also affected by the remnants of a cigarette. It takes approximately 10 years for cigarette butts to begin breaking down.

We are asking that you positively recommend this ordinance change.