

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF WATERTOWN  
June 19, 2006  
7:00 P.M.**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY R. LABOUF**

WHEREAS the City believes that tobacco use in the proximity of children and adults while watching outdoor recreational activities at City owned and operated playgrounds is detrimental to their health and can be offensive to those using such facilities; and

WHEREAS the City has a unique opportunity to create and sustain an environment that supports a smoke free norm through a non-smoking policy and adult-peer role modeling on City-owned playgrounds; and

WHEREAS the City 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 places, are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses, diminish the beauty of the City's recreational facilities, and pose a risk to toddlers due to ingestion; and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown determines that the prohibition of smoking at the City's recreational playgrounds serves to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of our community;

WHEREAS the City owned playgrounds listed below will be deemed smoke free as well as any future City owned playgrounds:

Kostyk Playground  
Taylor Playground  
Portage Street Playground  
Hamilton Street Playground  
Academy Street Playground  
Emerson Place Playground  
Thompson Park Playground  
Fairgrounds Bicentennial Park Playground

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH AND CARRIED WITH  
ALL VOTING YEA**

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