



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

July 10, 2012

### Ordinance 17375

Proposed No. 2012-0142.3

Sponsors McDermott

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to prohibiting the use of  
2 tobacco products in high-use areas in King County  
3 parks and recreation facilities; amending Ordinance  
4 14509, Section 4, and K.C.C. 7.01.010, adding a  
5 new section to K.C.C. chapter 7.12 and prescribing  
6 penalties.

#### 7 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

8 1. The King County parks and recreation division operates more than two  
9 hundred parks, one hundred seventy-five miles of regional trails, and welcomes  
10 five million visitors annually. The system's assets contribute to the health, well-  
11 being and enjoyment of the regional population and rural, unincorporated  
12 communities. In particular, by offering low-cost opportunities for physical  
13 activity, county parks play an important role in promoting health and preventing  
14 chronic disease in all of our communities.

15 2. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, tobacco-  
16 related illness is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States,  
17 accounting for about four hundred forty-three thousand deaths each year.

18 3. According to a 2010 report from the Washington state Department of Health,  
19 in King County, one thousand seven hundred-eighty adults die annually from

20 smoking-related causes and tobacco use costs King County three hundred forty-  
21 three million dollars every year in healthcare costs and lost wages.

22 4. In 2006, the United States Surgeon General concluded that there is no safe  
23 level of exposure to secondhand smoke. The toxic substances in secondhand  
24 smoke cause a range of diseases and a growing research base indicates outdoor  
25 exposure levels can be as high as indoor exposure levels.

26 5. Cigarettes and other tobacco products, once consumed in public places, are  
27 often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses,  
28 diminishing the beauty of recreational facilities, causing potential risks for fire  
29 hazards, and posing a risk to toddlers and animals due to ingestion.

30 6. Prohibiting the use of tobacco products in high-use areas in King County parks  
31 and recreation facilities is part of a regional partnership effort which includes the  
32 King County Parks Directors' Network, which is made up of twenty-five cities,  
33 and other local jurisdictions such as the Vashon Island Park District and Black  
34 Diamond. The goal of the partnership is to create safe and clean places for people  
35 to live, work and play in King County. Currently, six park agencies in the county  
36 provide smoke-free and tobacco-free parks, including Auburn, Burien, Covington,  
37 Seattle, Snoqualmie and the Vashon Park District.

38 7. Consistent with King County strategic plan goals and the Public Health  
39 Operational Master Plan, a tobacco-free policy for parks protects the health of our  
40 communities by ensuring clean smoke-free air, reducing exposure to secondhand  
41 smoke and eliminating tobacco product litter that is harmful to children, pets and  
42 wildlife if ingested.

43 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

44 SECTION 1. Ordinance 14509, Section 4, and K.C.C. 7.01.010 are each hereby  
45 amended to read as follows:

46 The definitions in this section apply throughout this title and K.C.C. chapter 4.57,  
47 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

48 A. "Advertising" means promotional activity for the financial gain of those  
49 undertaking the activity or causing the activity to be undertaken, including, but not  
50 limited to, placing signs, posters, placards or any other display device in a publicly  
51 visible location within a parks and recreation facility. "Advertising" does not include  
52 posting of an announcement on a community bulletin board, consistent with any  
53 applicable rules for the use of community bulletin boards.

54 B. "Aircraft" means any machine or device designed to travel through the air  
55 including, but not limited to, airplanes, helicopters, ultra light type planes, gliders,  
56 remote-control planes and gliders, hot air balloons, kites and balloons.

57 C. "Alcoholic beverages" or "liquor" includes the four varieties of liquor defined  
58 as alcohol, spirits, wine and beer, all fermented, spirituous, vinous, or malt liquor, and all  
59 other intoxicating beverages, and every liquor, solid or semisolid or other substance,  
60 patented or not, containing alcohol, spirits, wine or beer; all drinks or drinkable liquids  
61 and all preparations or mixtures capable of human consumption. Any liquor, semisolid,  
62 solid or other substance that contains more than one percent alcohol by weight shall be  
63 conclusively deemed to be intoxicating.

64 D. "Associated marine area" means any water area within one hundred feet of  
65 any parks and recreation facility such as a dock, pier, float, buoy, log boom or other

66 object that is part of a parks and recreation facility, only if the area does not include  
67 private property.

68 E. "Boat" means any contrivance up to sixty-five feet in length overall, used or  
69 capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.

70 F. "Camper" means a motorized vehicle containing either sleeping or  
71 housekeeping accommodations, or both, and shall include a pickup truck with camper, a  
72 van-type body, a converted bus, or any similar type vehicle.

73 G. "Camping" means erecting a tent or shelter or arranging bedding or both for  
74 the purpose of, or in such a way as will permit remaining overnight, or parking a trailer,  
75 camper or other vehicle for the purpose of remaining overnight.

76 H. "Campsite" means camping sites designated by the director.

77 I. "Change" a fee means to alter the amount of a fee.

78 J. "Concession" means the privilege or authority to sell goods or services within  
79 parks and recreation facilities or to operate parks and recreation facilities or a portion  
80 thereof.

81 K. "Concession contract" or "concession agreement" means the agreement  
82 granting a person a concession with respect to a parks and recreation facility.

83 L. "Department" means the department of natural resources and parks.

84 M. "Director" means the director of the department of natural resources and parks  
85 or the director's designee.

86 N. "Discrimination" means any action or failure to act, whether by single act or  
87 part of a practice, the effect of which is to adversely affect or differentiate between or  
88 among individuals or groups of individuals, because of race, color, religion, national

89 origin, age, sex, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, the presence of any  
90 sensory, mental or physical handicap or the use of an animal guide by a blind or deaf or  
91 otherwise physically or mentally challenged person.

92 O. "Division" means the parks and recreation division of the department of  
93 natural resources and parks.

94 P. "Eliminate" a fee means to remove a fee.

95 Q. "Establish" a fee means to impose a fee for an activity for which a fee was not  
96 being charged.

97 R. "Facility," "facilities," "parks and recreation facility," "parks and recreation  
98 facilities" or "park area" means any building, structure, park, open space, trail or other  
99 property owned or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the parks and recreation division of  
100 the department of natural resources and parks.

101 S. "Facility manager" means the person designated to manage a specific parks  
102 and recreation facility.

103 T. "High-use areas" means areas of parks and recreation facilities where people  
104 congregate. "High-use areas" include athletic fields, off-leash dog parks, parking lots,  
105 picnic shelters, playgrounds, sports courts, trailheads, and any other areas designated as  
106 high-use areas by the director.

107 U. "Manager" means the manager of the parks and recreation division of the  
108 department of natural resources and parks.

109 ~~((U.))~~ V. "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled device capable of being  
110 moved upon a road, and in, upon or by which any persons or property may be transported  
111 or drawn, and shall include, but not be limited to, automobiles, trucks, motorcycles,

112 motor scooters, jeeps or similar type four-wheel drive vehicles and snowmobiles, whether  
113 or not they can be legally operated upon the public highways.

114 ~~((V:))~~ W. "Naming rights" means rights to name a facility after a person for a  
115 term of years in exchange for consideration.

116 ~~((W:))~~ X. "Parks and recreation purposes" means any lawful purpose of the  
117 division.

118 ~~((X:))~~ Y. "Person" means all natural persons, groups, entities, firms, partnerships,  
119 corporations, governmental and quasi-governmental entities, clubs and all associations or  
120 combination of persons whether acting for themselves or as an agent, servant or  
121 employee.

122 ~~((Y:))~~ Z. "Permit" means an authorization for the use of parks and recreation  
123 facilities that imposes conditions on the permittee in addition to those conditions imposed  
124 on the general public.

125 ~~((Z:))~~ AA. "Rocket" means any device containing a combustible substance that  
126 when ignited, propels the device forward.

127 ~~((AA:))~~ BB. "Set" a fee means to change or eliminate a fee, including  
128 determining, changing or eliminating a range for a fee. "Set" does not include selecting a  
129 fee in a previously set range for a fee.

130 ~~((BB:))~~ CC. "Spirits" means any beverage that contains alcohol obtained by  
131 distillation, including wines exceeding twenty-four percent of alcohol by volume.

132 ~~((CC:))~~ DD. "Sponsorship" means providing consideration to support specific  
133 parks and recreation facilities or activities, generally in exchange for advertising on  
134 county property, through county media, or otherwise, or other promotional consideration.

135           ~~((DD.))~~ EE. "Tobacco product" means cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco and  
136 chewing tobacco.

137           FF. "Trail" means any path, track or right-of-way designed for use by  
138 pedestrians, bicycles, equestrians or other nonmotorized modes of transportation.

139           ~~((EE.))~~ GG. "Trailer" means a towed vehicle that contains sleeping or  
140 housekeeping accommodations.

141           ~~((FF.))~~ HH. "Trailer site" means a designated camping site that has either water  
142 or electrical facilities, or both, available for hookup.

143           ~~((GG.))~~ II. "User fee" means a fee charged for the use of parks and recreation  
144 facilities, activities and programs, including, but not limited to, general facilities  
145 admission, classes and workshops, sponsored leagues and tournaments, gymnasium and  
146 field usage for games and practice, field lights and other equipment, concessions,  
147 parking, camping, special event admission, rooms for meetings, conference banquets and  
148 other indoor activities, kitchen and equipment. "User fee" does not include the cost of  
149 purchasing tangible personal property sold by the division. "User fee" also does not  
150 include charges made under:

- 151           1. ~~((a))~~An advertising, sponsorship or naming rights agreement in accordance  
152 with K.C.C. 7.08.080;
- 153           2. ~~((a))~~A concession contract in accordance with K.C.C. chapter 4.57;
- 154           3. ~~((a))~~A lease, rental or use agreement in accordance with K.C.C. 4.56.150; or
- 155           4. ~~((a))~~A special use permit in accordance with K.C.C. 7.12.050.

156           NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 7.12,  
157 Article III, a new section to read as follows:

158           The use of tobacco products is prohibited in all high-use areas. Signs will be  
159 posted in the high-use areas indicating that use of tobacco products is prohibited.  
160 Signage locations will be determined by the director.

161           SECTION 3. By October 1, 2012, the parks and recreation division of the  
162 department of natural resources and parks is directed to develop and implement a pilot  
163 project to reduce the potential for forest fires at parks and recreation facilities from  
164 tobacco products, including posting signage warning of the dangers of improper cigarette  
165 disposal and the installation of receptacles for cigarette disposal at sites determined by  
166 the director.

167           SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to



168 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the  
169 application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.  
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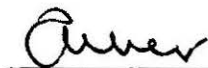
Ordinance 17375 was introduced on 4/23/2012 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/9/2012, by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson,  
Ms. Lambert and Mr. Ferguson  
No: 1 - Mr. Dunn  
Excused: 2 - Ms. Hague and Mr. McDermott

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


  
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 18 day of JULY, 2012.

  
Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None