

**CITY OF LA VISTA**  
**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT**  
**JULY 17, 2012 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Submitted By:</b>
TOBACCO FREE AREAS- LA VISTA PUBLIC PLAYING FIELDS	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	PAM BUETHE CITY CLERK

**SYNOPSIS**

A resolution has been prepared establishing Tobacco Free Areas in City of La Vista Parks and the Sports Complex where there are fields for playing sports and authorizing the Public Works Department to install appropriate signs.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A The Nebraska Tobacco Coalition will provide the signs.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval

**BACKGROUND**

Second hand tobacco smoke, even in open areas, can be damaging to the health of children and adults and children who observe adults using tobacco products may choose to emulate unhealthy behaviors.

The Mayor and members of the City Council have directed staff to create a resolution for the elimination of using tobacco products in La Vista City Parks and the Sports Complex where fields are located; in the areas of bleachers, playing areas, and bench areas where teams would sit.

La Vista Public Fields designated are located in the following:

- A. City Park
- B. Kelly McMahon Park
- C. La Vista Sports Complex

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA PROVIDING, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THAT AREAS, WERE FIELDS FOR PLAYING SPORTS IN LA VISTA PARKS AND THE SPORTS COMPLEX, ARE DESIGNATED AS TOBACCO FREE AREAS.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that second hand tobacco smoke, even in open areas, can be damaging to the health of children and adults;

WHEREAS, children who observe adults using tobacco products may choose to emulate unhealthy behaviors;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is the policy of the City Council that:

1. The use of tobacco products is not allowed in areas designated in parks or other recreational facility of the City where fields for playing sports are located;
2. Smoking is defined as carrying a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or any other paraphernalia containing a lighted tobacco product as defined herein;
3. The use of smokeless tobacco products is not allowed in areas designated in parks or other recreational facility of the City where fields for playing sports are located;
4. No tobacco products shall be discarded or thrown onto the ground in areas designated in parks or other recreational facility of the City where fields for playing sports are located;
5. Tobacco products shall include any substance containing tobacco leaf, including without limitation, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco snuff, chewing tobacco, dipping tobacco/snuff, or any finely cut, ground or powdered tobacco leaf intended for placement in the human body.
6. La Vista Public Fields designated are located in the following:
  - A. City Park
  - B. Kelly McMahon Park
  - C. La Vista Sports Complex

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of La Vista, Nebraska, do hereby authorize the elimination of the use of tobacco products in areas designated in parks or other recreational facility of the City where fields for playing sports are located and authorize the purchase and posts and placement of signs indicating this.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17TH DAY OF JULY, 2012.

CITY OF LA VISTA

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Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela A. Buethe, CMC  
City Clerk