

ORDINANCE # 08-19-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, PROHIBITING SMOKING IN THE REDWATER CITY PARK; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND PENALTY CLAUSE

WHEREAS, the City of Redwater does hereby find that the Redwater City Park is used in youth sports and other family activities at which crowds of spectators gather; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have found that tobacco and tobacco smoke is a major contributor to many health problems, and that children exposed to secondhand smoke have an increased risk of asthma, respiratory infections, sudden infant death syndrome, developmental abnormalities and cancer; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to protect the health and welfare of the youth of the city who participate in these sports and in other family activities from the effects of smoking and to provide a smoke-free area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the City Council approve this ordinance relating to the prohibition of smoking in the Redwater City Park.

Section 2. That "smoking" shall be defined as inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, weed, plant, or other combustible substance in any manner or in any form.

Section 3. That the posting of "No Smoking" signs, or the international "NO SMOKING" symbol, shall be clearly and conspicuously posted at the entrance of the Park and at other areas where people gather within the City Park.

Section 4. That the City Secretary be and is hereby directed to publish the caption of this Ordinance in the official newspaper within ten (10) days of the passage of this Ordinance.

Section 5. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are specifically repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 6. That in case a section, clause, sentence or part of this Ordinance shall be deemed or adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such invalidity shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 7. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from its passage and approval.


Section 8. That a person who smokes in the Redwater City Park shall be guilty of an infraction, punishable by a fine not exceeding two-hundred dollars (\$200.00). Each day of any such violation shall be deemed a separate offense.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Redwater, Texas
at a regular meeting the 2nd day of June, 2008.



Beverly Phares, Mayor

Attest:



Dessie Enns, City Secretary