

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25.2.02 (L) OF CHAPTER 25,  
ARTICLE I. PARKS OF THE REDWOOD CITY MUNICIPAL CODE**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 25, Article I. Sec. 25.2.02 (L) of the Redwood City Municipal Code restricts but does not prohibit smoking in City parks; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Surgeon General's 2006 Report on the Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke has concluded the following:

- Millions of Americans, both children and adults, are exposed to secondhand smoke in their homes and workplaces despite substantial progress in tobacco control;
- Secondhand smoke exposure causes disease and premature death in children and adults who do not smoke;
- Children exposed to secondhand smoke are at an increased risk for sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), acute respiratory infections, ear problems, and more severe asthma;
- Exposure of adults to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer;
- Scientific evidence indicates that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke; and

**WHEREAS**, secondhand smoke has been classified as a "toxic air contaminant" by the California Air Resources Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services (PRCS) Commission of the City of Redwood City and its Park Rules Enforcement Subcommittee

conducted numerous outreach efforts to survey the public and evaluate the need for a ban on smoking in City's parks; and

**WHEREAS**, these outreach efforts showed that 86% of those surveyed favor a ban on smoking in parks, citing public health issues and the frequenting of parks by children who are susceptible to the health effects of breathing secondhand smoke; and

**WHEREAS**, the PRCS Commission of the City of Redwood City recommends that the City Council adopt an ordinance prohibiting smoking in all City parks.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Chapter 25, Article I. Section 25.2.02 (L) of the Redwood City Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

25.2.02. No person shall engage in the following prohibited acts and/or uses in a City park or facility:

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"L. Smoke within twenty feet (20') of main entrances, exits, and operable windows of any park facility; or, smoke, light or carry a lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette or other smoking device of any kind in any City park."

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