

Resolution No. 2016- 1420

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING
TOBACCO-FREE RECREATION FACILITIES
WITHIN ATCHISON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the US Surgeon General has stated that there is NO SAFE LEVEL OF EXPOSURE to second-hand smoke, whether indoors or outdoors, and that children's exposure to second-hand smoke causes increased risk of sudden infant death syndrome, lower respiratory infections, middle ear diseases, more severe asthma, respiratory symptoms and slowed lung growth and is responsible for the premature deaths of over 430,000 Americans each year from lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory illness and other diseases; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke is responsible for over 50,000 deaths among nonsmokers each year; and

WHEREAS, tobacco kills more Americans each year than alcohol, cocaine, heroin, homicide, and suicide, accidents, fire and AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS, 80% of smokers started smoking before the age of 18, and the average initiation age is 12 years old; and

WHEREAS, every day and estimated 3,900 young people under the age of 18 try their first cigarette and one-third of these children will die prematurely from tobacco related illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the tobacco industry advertises at and sponsors recreational events to foster a connection between tobacco use and recreation; and

WHEREAS, to help role model non-smoking behavior to children and youth; to provide children, youth and their families with a safe, smoke-free environment;

WHEREAS, Atchison County wishes to provide recreational facilities free of the influence and harmful effects of any tobacco product;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Atchison County, Kansas:

1. No person shall use any form of tobacco or electronic cigarettes at or on any County-owned or operated recreational facility, including, without limitation, the Atchison County Lake, the Atchison County Sports Complex, and Memorial Hall.

2. This resolution shall apply to all forms of tobacco including, but not limited to, cigarettes, pipes, cigars, chewing tobacco, water pipes or snuff.
3. This resolution shall apply to electronic cigarettes whether or not they are a tobacco product, or similar products that produce a smoke, mist, vapor, or aerosol, with the exception of products which meet the definition of a medical device in section 201(h) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, such as nebulizers.
4. Appropriate signage shall be posted to designate said tobacco-free areas;
5. Any person in violation of this Resolution may be subject to immediate ejection from the recreation facility.
6. The Atchison County Commission hereby authorizes its elected and appointed officials to make periodic observations of tobacco-free areas to monitor compliance and promote awareness of this Resolution.

THIS RESOLUTION shall become effective upon publication once in the official County newspaper.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Atchison County, Kansas, this 31st day of May, 2016.

By: Henry W. Pohl
Henry W. Pohl, Chairman

By: Jeffery D. Schuele
Jeffery D. Schuele, Commissioner

By: Eric Noll
Eric Noll, Commisisoner



ATTEST:

Pauline M. Lee
Pauline M. Lee, Atchison County Clerk