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Tigard's Smoking and Vaping Enforcement Begins July 1

Starting on July 1, penalties against persons who smoke and vape on city-owned property and in parks and on trails can be enforced. A person may be fined up to \$100 for first-time offenses and no more than \$500 for future violations.

The bans do not apply to privately owned property or to city sidewalks.

The activities have already been prohibited in parks and on trails since late February. The Tigard City Council approved the two ordinances in January that banned smoking and vaping in the designated areas.

The prohibitions encompass all smoked materials, including cigarettes, cannabis products, cigars and pipes, as well as e-cigarette products that emulate smoking.

Since the city adopted the measures that promote health and wellness, the city has worked to educate and inform the community, city employees and visitors to city facilities about the new regulations covering city property and parks and trails. The city sponsored a social media meme contest that created local, state and even national interest in the city's efforts to become a healthier community.

The city also has installed signage in some of the most heavily used parks. Stickers announcing the new bans will soon be visible in city facilities, including city buildings and city parks.

The rules that ban smoking and vaping support the city's vision to be a place where people of all ages and abilities enjoy healthy and interconnected lives. The ordinances acknowledge research showing smoking and vaping are harmful to human health, particularly young people.

Residents are encouraged to point out the city's "No Smoking" signs if they see infractions in areas where signs are present. Residents may also call the police non-emergency line at 503-629-0111. The police will respond to complaints as their service levels allow.

For information on the city's new smoking and vaping rules, visit the city's website at: www.tigard-or.gov/clean_air/.

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