

Town of Howland Smoke and Tobacco Free Recreational Area Policy

The **Town of Howland** is dedicated to providing everyone with a safe and healthy environment at all of the **Town of Howland** recreational area properties, effective **June 18, 2018**.

The **Town of Howland** recognizes that smoking and the use of tobacco products at our recreational area properties is detrimental to the health and safety of everyone. Town of Howland supports an environment where nobody is exposed to the harmful effects of secondhand smoke and everyone is supported in efforts to live tobacco-free. Therefore, **Town of Howland** has adopted a 100% tobacco-free recreational area property policy, that exceeds state law (22 M.R.S.A. § 1580-A).

This policy prohibits all smoking and the use of all tobacco 24 hours a day, 365 days a year:

- In all **Town of Howland** owned, leased and affiliated buildings.
 - On all **Town of Howland** owned or leased properties
 - At all **Town of Howland** permitted or sanctioned events— both indoors and outdoors when on **Town of Howland** property.
 - In all **Town of Howland** owned, leased or rented vehicles.
- The Town of Howland will require that each municipal department shall have a designated (outside) smoking area, at least 20 feet away from any building, for employees use of tobacco products only as defined in Section 'B' below.

This smoke and tobacco-free policy applies to all people utilizing Town of Howland space, including organizers of, and attendees at, public events, including but not limited to, athletic events, concerts, productions, conferences, meetings, lectures, social events and/or cultural events using **Town of Howland** owned, leased and affiliated property. Everyone is required to abide by **Town of Howland's** smoke and tobacco-free policy.

DEFINITIONS

- A. "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe or joint, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including hookahs and marijuana, whether natural or synthetic in any manner or in any form. "Smoking" also includes the use of an electronic smoking device which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this policy. Non-smoked marijuana products including, but not limited to, edibles and dabs are also included in this policy.
- B. "Tobacco" is defined as all tobacco-derived or containing products, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, cigarillos, bidis, kreteks; all smokeless and

dissolvable tobacco products, including but not limited to, dip, spit/spit-less, chew, snuff, snus and nasal tobacco; and any product intended to mimic tobacco, containing tobacco flavoring or delivering nicotine, including but not limited to, electronic nicotine delivery systems, e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-hookahs, vape pen or any other product name or descriptor. Or the use of any other type of tobacco or nicotine product for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of tobacco in this policy. This does not include products specifically approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the purpose of cessation or nicotine replacement therapy.

PROCEDURES

This policy will be communicated through tobacco-free signs posted at all property entrances and throughout the facility, through employee education, including being written into training manuals and new employee orientation. Everyone is required to comply with **Town of Howland** tobacco-free policy.

This Policy replaces the previous Town of Howland 'Tobacco Free' Policy.

Adopted this 18 day of June, 2018

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