



Memorandum

To: Mayor and City Council

July 6, 2010

From: Robert Garcia, First District *RG*
Suja Lowenthal, Second District *S*
Gary DeLong, Third District *GD*

Subject: Prohibit Smoking in Small Parks

REQUESTED ACTION:

Respectfully request the City Manager work with the Parks & Recreation Commission to develop a recommendation for prohibiting smoking in parks of a particular size and smaller and provide the recommendation to the City Attorney for draft of an ordinance no later than 60 days.

BACKGROUND:

Existing California Health & Safety Code (Section 104495) states, "No person shall smoke a cigarette, cigar, or other tobacco-related product within 25 feet of any playground or tot lot sandbox area." Our own City Municipal Code (Section 8.68.065) states, "Smoking shall be prohibited on all sand areas and adjacent water areas of city beaches, the beach bike path and beach launch ramps, with the exception of designated outdoor dining areas or permitted beach concessions and permitted activities, including, but not limited to filming and/or special events."

However, the City of Long Beach has several small and pocket sized parks without playgrounds or tot lot sandboxes that make it very difficult, if not impossible, for a visitor (adult or child) to enjoy without being negatively impacted by another visitor who chooses to smoke. In these cases, it behooves the City to consider whether to prohibit smoking in smaller spaces where visitors cannot separate themselves by distance within the park. Our Tobacco Education Program and Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine staff have worked on prior initiatives involving playgrounds, so we would expect similar collaboration in response to this request.

Potential "No Smoking" Parks 6/10/10

87 parks under 5 acres

Parks Under 1 acre

<u>Count</u>	<u>Park Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Acre</u>
1	10th Place Mini Park	2	0.10
2	11th Place Mini Park	2	0.08
3	12th Place Mini Park	2	0.05
4	13th Place Mini Park	2	0.09
5	14th Place Mini Park	2	0.09
6	15th Place Mini Park	2	0.11
7	1st Place Mini Park	2	0.16
8	21st & Hill	7	0.88
9	2nd Place Mini Park	2	0.13
10	34th Street Greenbelt	7	0.94
11	3rd Place Mini Park	2	0.11
12	4th Place Mini Park	2	0.09
13	5th Place Mini Park	2	0.11
14	6th Place Mini Park	2	0.11
15	7th Place Mini Park	2	0.09
16	8th Place Mini Park	2	0.10
17	9th Place Mini Park	2	0.10
18	Alamitos Park	3	0.27
19	Arbor Park	8	0.43
20	Birdcage Park	5	0.99
21	Black, Officer Daryle W. Memorial Park	6	0.14
22	Bouton Creek Park	4	0.84
23	Carroll Park	2	0.70
24	Chace, Burton W. Mini Park	8	0.30
25	East Village Arts Park	2	0.09
26	Fellowship Park	6	0.36
27	Freeman Community Center	4	0.29
28	Good Neighbor Park	5	0.90
29	K-9 Corner Dog Park	1	0.09
30	La Bella Fontana di Napoli	3	0.38
31	Leeway Sailing Center	3	0.69
32	Lilly Park	5	0.29
33	Loma Vista Park	1	0.17
34	Lookout Park	3	0.86
35	Los Altos Plaza Park	3	0.75
36	Maurice "Mossy" Kent Park	3	0.10
37	Miracle on 4th Street Mini Park	2	0.14
38	Mural Park	1	0.20
39	Orange Mini Park	8	0.31
40	Overlook Park	3	0.44
41	Peace Park	1	0.39
42	Plaza Zaferia	4	0.81
43	Promenade Square	2	0.68
44	Rose Park	2	0.74
45	Spinnaker Bay Park	3	0.49
46	The Colonnade Park	3	0.22
47	Treasure Island Park	3	0.09
48	Trolley Park	3	0.15
49	Valparaiso Plaza	3	0.52
50	Williams, Dennis Greenway (proposed name)	3	0.71
51	Willow & Golden N	7	0.89

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Parks between 1 and 3 acres

<u>Count</u>	<u>Park Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Acre</u>
1	51st Street Greenbelt	8	1.02
2	Alamitos Heights Park	3	1.31
3	Bayshore Park	3	1.21
4	Bayshore Parkway	3	1.68
5	Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier	3	1.81
6	College Estates Park	3	2.31
7	Daisy Avenue Greenbelt	6,7	2.24
8	Fourteenth Street Park	1	2.01
9	Grace Park	8	1.19
10	Livingston Drive Park	3	2.07
11	Long Beach Senior Center	2	1.24
12	Marina Pacifica Park	3	1.22
13	Mc Bride, Ernest S., Sr. Park	6	2.77
14	Orizaba Park	4	2.78
15	Rogers, Will Mini Park	3	1.78
16	Rotary Centennial Park	4	1.17
17	Santa Cruz Park	2	1.88
18	Sleepy Hollow Greenbelt	8	1.61
19	South Street Parkway	9	1.51
20	Tanaka Park	7	1.27
21	Uptown Community Center	9	2.25
22	Willow & Golden S	7	1.12

Parks between 3 and 5 acres

<u>Count</u>	<u>Park Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Acre</u>
1	Atlantic Plaza	8	3.28
2	Belmont Plaza Pool	3	4.76
3	Bixby Knolls Park	8	3.93
4	Bridges, Harry Memorial Park at the Queen Mary	2	4.19
5	Dunster, Jack Marine Biological Reserve	3	3.17
6	Jackson Street Park	8	3.20
7	Long Beach Municipal Cemetery	7	4.44
8	Los Altos Park	4	4.93
9	MacArthur, General Douglas Park	6	3.86
10	Nichol, Jack Park	3	3.87
11	Rancho Los Cerritos	8	4.81
12	Rosie the Riveter Park	5	3.28
13	Somerset Park	7	3.99
14	Victory Park	2	4.43