

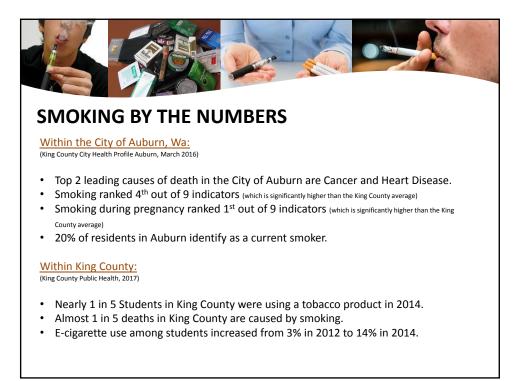


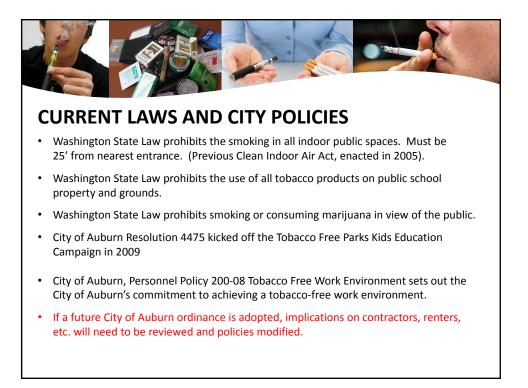
## INTRODUCTION

One of the primary purposes and functions of a public park is to provide safe, welcoming places for all genders, faiths, ethnicities and abilities to enjoy and pursue physical activity, healthy lifestyles and leisure experiences through nature, which have been proven to assist in combating chronic disease, an increased prevalence of sedentary lifestyles, stress reduction and poor nutrition habits. Parks and open spaces contribute to a healthier Auburn community.

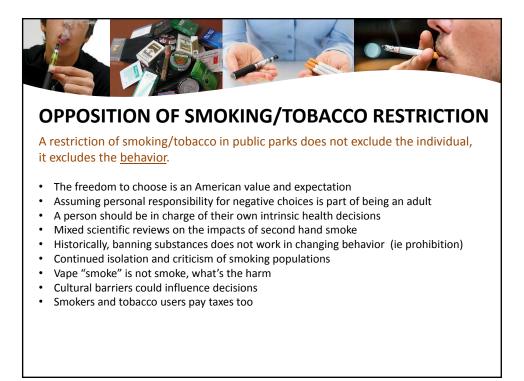
Smoking and tobacco use in parks is contrary to this goal. The issue is not about protecting the rights of some people who smoke, rather a smoking/tobacco restriction in parks is about protecting the rights of everyone to have a smoke free environment while visiting their parks.

In conjunction with the Blue Ribbon/Healthy Auburn 2020 Task Force and the City of Auburn Park Board, we are asking the Council to consider implementing a <u>Tobacco/Smoke Free Parks</u> Ordinance.











## **COMMUNICATION / ENFORCEMENT**

Personal conduct in parks and adherence to laws are expected to be followed, just like all Auburn City Codes and laws that impact City of Auburn residents. Similar to other park conduct expectations like no alcohol, no littering, leash laws, no fireworks, etc. the primary enforcement tool is signage to communicate/inform.

- Press releases, website, programming guides, rental agreements, temporary signage or banners, marketing collateral, social media etc will all assist in the initial announcement and continued awareness of Tobacco/Smoke Free Parks
- Park signage will be created and installed, where applicable
- Staff education, talking points and public engagement procedures will be developed focus is education only, leave behind card for park patrons – no enforcement
- If "enforcement" escalates to law enforcement via Auburn Police Department (APD), it is important to understand, that in order to cite an individual, officers have to witness the violation occurring themselves. It is likely that if a park patron calls the APD, the potential violator will have already finished smoking their cigarette. These types of a calls, similar to all other law enforcement calls, will be prioritized by APD dispatch and handled according to APD policy.













## AUBURN CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED & NEED TO DETERMINE TYPE OF CODE / PENALTY

At the September 4, 2019 City of Auburn Park Board meeting, the Park Board unanimously supported the implementation of a City of Auburn policy reflecting Smoke and Vape Free Parks and requested staff develop such ordinance through Auburn City Code that could be considered by Auburn City Council.

Recommendation to adopt an Ordinance of Smoke and Vape Free Parks in Auburn to ACC Chapter 2.22 Park Code:

 If the ordinance were added to Ch. 2.22 ACC and the code was violated; ACC 2.22.250 would kick in, which provides that any violation of a section of Ch. 2.22 ACC is a class 1 civil infraction. This infraction carries a base penalty of up to \$250, not including statutory assessments.