Policy Template, Smoke-free Municipal-Owned Parks, Beaches and Recreational Areas October 4, 2021 Vermont Department of Health, Tobacco Control Program

## TOWN OF \_\_\_\_\_

## Smoke-Free [City/Municipal/Town]-Owned Parks, Beaches and Recreational Areas

**SECTION 1. Authority.** This ordinance is adopted by the selectboard of the Town of [insert town name] pursuant to [XXXXXX].

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE.** This ordinance will create an environment where all members of the public are protected from exposure to the harmful effects of secondhand smoke/vapor.

This policy prohibits the possession or use of all lighted tobacco and cannabis products and use of tobacco substitutes (including vaping devices), on all property or grounds at [city/municipal-owned parks, beaches, and recreational areas]. This includes all persons at public and/or private gatherings, including but not limited to athletics, meetings, lectures, social, civic and/or cultural gatherings, held at property being designated as substance-free.

## **SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS.**

- **A. Tobacco Products:** cigarettes, little cigars, roll-your-own tobacco, snuff, cigars, new smokeless tobacco, and other tobacco products as defined in 32 V.S.A. § 7702.
- **B.** Tobacco Substitute Products: products, including electronic cigarettes or other electronic or battery-powered devices, that contain or are designed to deliver nicotine or other substances into the body through the inhalation of vapor and that have not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for tobacco cessation or other medical purposes as defined by 7 V.S.A. § 1001(8) Products that have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for tobacco cessation or other medical purposes shall not be considered to be tobacco substitutes.

Cannabis: all parts of the plant Cannabis sativa L. as defined by 7 V.S.A. § 831.

## SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT.

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