

BILL NO: 24-04

ORDINANCE NO: 2638

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE II, PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, CHAPTER 240, PARKS AND RECREATION, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI TO ADD A NEW SECTION 240.050 RESTRICTING SMOKING AND/OR THE USE OF TOBACCO, ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE, AND VAPOR PRODUCTS IN CITY PARKS AND AT CITY SPONSORED PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, at its March 4, 2024 meeting, the City of Richmond Park Board reviewed information provided by the Director of Parks and Recreation regarding the use of tobacco, alternative nicotine, and vapor products in City parks and at City sponsored parks and recreation activities; and

WHEREAS, based on its review and the information provided, the Park Board voted at said meeting to recommend to the City Council that the Municipal Code of the City of Richmond, Missouri (the “City Code”) be amended to restrict smoking and the use of tobacco products, alternative nicotine product, and vapor product in City parks and at City sponsored parks and recreation activities in order to further the public health, safety and welfare in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the City Code in order to implement the recommendations of the Park Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I

That Title II, Public Health, Safety and Welfare, Chapter 240, Parks and Recreation, of the Municipal Code of the City of Richmond, Missouri, is hereby amended to include a new Section 240.050 to read as follows:

Section 240.050. Smoking and/or Use of Tobacco Products, Alternative Nicotine Product, and Vapor Product in City Parks and at City Sponsored Parks and Recreation Activities.

- A. For the purposes of this Section, the terms “Tobacco Products,” “Alternative Nicotine Product,” and “Vapor Product” shall have the same meaning and definition as set forth in Section 210.2100 of the City Code. For the purposes of this Section, the term “Smoking” means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted, heated, or ignited cigar, cigarette, cigarillo, pipe, hookah, electronic device, or plant product, using any other method or device that delivers nicotine or other substances to a person.
- B. The following are prohibited within any park or at any City sponsored parks and recreation activities except in designated areas approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation:

1. Smoking;
 2. The use of tobacco products;
 3. The use of alternative nicotine product; and
 4. The use of vapor product.
- C. Signage regarding the restrictions in this Section may be placed in the City parks at appropriate locations as determined by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

SECTION II

That should any sentence, clause, part or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part declared to be invalid.

SECTION III

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

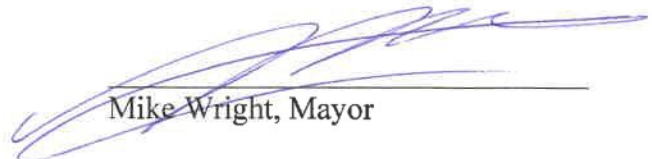
SECTION IV

That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Read two times and passed by the City Council this 12 day of March, 2024.


Mike Wright, Mayor

APPROVED by the Mayor this 12 day of March, 2024.


Mike Wright, Mayor

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Tonya Willm, Acting City Clerk