



MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 11, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
Dave Perrault, City Administrator

FROM: Julie Hanson, Assistant to the City Administrator/City Clerk

SUBJECT: Prohibiting Smoking and Cannabis Use Within Open Space Sites – Ordinance Amendment

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| Budgeted Amount: | Actual Amount: | Funding Source: |
| N/A | N/A | N/A |

Council Should Consider

- Ordinance 2023-011 Amending Chapter 7, Section 720, Subsections 720.02 – Definitions and 720.06 – General Conduct, pertaining to smoking and cannabis use in open spaces (City-owned).

Background

At its August 21, 2023 worksession, the City Council discussed public use of THC (lower potency edibles) and Adult Use Cannabis (full strength) on City park property as well as in public spaces. The City Council directed staff to work with the City Attorney to draft ordinance language prohibiting tobacco/smoking as well as consumption of lower-potency THC/hemp edibles and full strength cannabis on City-owned property.

The City Attorney has drafted language pertaining to such (Attachment A). Note the proposed language uses the definition for Open Space Sites, which is defined in the City Code as “any public park including the parking area and driveways appurtenant thereto, any pathway, any trail, any bathing beach or any other similar public open space area owned, leased, improved, maintained, operated or otherwise controlled by the City, or by the County of Ramsey, or by any other public agency”.

Should the City Council adopt this ordinance amendment, a Summary Ordinance (Attachment C) will be published in the paper in accordance with State law.

Budget Impact

N/A

Attachments

- A: Draft Ordinance 2023-011 (redlines)
- B: Ordinance 2023-011 (clean version)
- C: Summary Ordinance 2023-011