



City of
Norwood
Payneham
& St Peters

NAME OF POLICY: Smoke-Free Policy

POLICY MANUAL: Governance

BACKGROUND

The Council recognises the need to protect the health of the community and to increase the comfort and enjoyment of all citizens using public spaces and public facilities. This recognition will be supported through the introduction of smoke-free areas and events within the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters.

At its meeting held on 2 February 2015, the Council considered the results of the community consultation on the *Options for Introducing Smoke-Free Areas and Events Discussion Paper* and made a number of decisions relating to the establishment of Smoke-Free Areas and Events within the City.

This Policy relates to the introduction of smoking restrictions at all Council-owned reserves, parks (except the Memorial Gardens located on The Parade, Norwood, adjacent to the Norwood Oval), in addition to the Payneham Memorial and Norwood Swimming Centres and all Council-run and supported/endorsed events and will apply to all users, employees, contractors, Volunteers, visitors and patrons at these facilities and events.

This Policy is additional to the Council's *Drugs & Alcohol in the Workplace Policy* prepared under the auspices of the *Work Health & Safety Policy*, which will continue to apply to all Council staff, contractors, Volunteers and Elected Members.

DISCUSSION

There is a significant amount of evidence linking exposure to passive smoke with a range of serious health impacts, including heart disease, stroke, cancer, asthma and other respiratory problems. The purpose of having smoke-free areas is to protect the health of the community and increase the comfort and enjoyment of all people who use the public space, in particular the public areas that may be crowded or where people congregate by limiting people's exposure to second-hand smoke. In addition to promoting healthier lifestyles and reducing the harmful effects of smoking, smoking restrictions also contribute to improving local amenity and reducing pollution in the environment.

Numerous smoking bans and legislation have been incrementally introduced in South Australia in recent years. Specifically, the State Government has introduced legislation to prohibit smoking within public transport waiting areas, within ten (10) metres of children's playground equipment and at outdoor dining areas where meals are served.

In December 2018, the Parade, Norwood, between the eastern side of Osmond Terrace and the western side of Portrush Road, was declared "Smoke Free" under Section 52 of the Tobacco & E-Cigarette Products Act 1997.

These restrictions have been introduced as a consequence of a range of factors, including a growing body of scientific knowledge about the harmful effects of smoking and second-hand smoke, increasing community expectations that they will be protected from negative health impacts, and political decision-making. Additionally, these legislative changes, together with smoking restrictions which have been introduced by the Council, are intended to have a positive impact on the health and well-being of the community.

In addition, the *Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Plan* covering the Local Government Areas of the Constituent Councils of the Eastern Health Authority, documents the region's state of health and the strategic directions for improving community wellbeing. The Plan is guided by the four (4) Priority Areas which are set out in the *State Public Health Plan*, and recognises the important role that Councils play in environmental health within the community. *The Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Plan* identifies the establishment of smoke-free areas and events as a key initiative that delivers better public health outcomes. This will be supported through the implementation of this Policy.

The Council is committed to encouraging healthy lifestyles for the community by introducing smoking restrictions at public places and events, which will be supported by this Policy.

KEY PRINCIPLES

Through the *Smoke-Free Policy*, the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters:

- has committed to promoting positive public health outcomes for the benefit of the community and visitors to the City;
- seeks to increase the comfort and enjoyment of all people using public spaces within the City;
- has committed to improving the environment through reduced litter and pollution, and through improving the amenity of public spaces; and
- understands the potential damaging health effects of passive smoke exposure.

POLICY

As a democratically elected body, which is responsible for delivering the best outcomes for the community, the Council recognises that it has an obligation to promote positive public health outcomes where it provides programs, services and facilities for the benefit to the community. In recognition of this responsibility, the Council will prohibit smoking at the following locations:

1. all Council-owned reserves and parks (including the Norwood Oval and Payneham Oval, but excluding the Memorial Gardens located on The Parade, Norwood, adjacent to the Norwood Oval);
2. the Norwood Swimming Centre and the Payneham Memorial Swimming Centre; and
3. at all Council events, including those which are organised by the Council and those which are supported by the Council through a partnership, sponsorship or similar arrangement, within the defined boundary of the event.

In addition, universally-recognised signage will be erected at the above-mentioned locations to indicate to the community and patrons that these areas are smoke-free.

This Policy applies to both public use and private hire of the respective facilities and all sporting clubs which utilise these facilities.

This Policy can be enforced in any leases, licences, permits or other estates that apply to, or interests granted in relation to, Council-owned and managed land and property.

REVIEW PROCESS

This Policy will be reviewed every three (3) years.

INFORMATION

The contact officer for further information at the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters is the Council's Manager, Economic Development & Strategic Projects, on telephone 8366 4509 or via email: townhall@npsp.sa.gov.au.

ADOPTION OF THE POLICY

This Policy was adopted by Council on 7 May 2018.
This Policy was reviewed by the Council on 6 July 2020.

TO BE REVIEWED

July 2023.