



**LACEY CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSESSION  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018  
7:00 – 8:45 P.M.  
LACEY CITY HALL – 420 COLLEGE STREET SE**

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**AGENDA**

- 7:00 EXIT 111 - DIVERGING DIAMOND INTERCHANGE (DDI) PROJECT BRIEFING**  
*KIM MUELLER, WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
(VERBAL - PRESENTATION)*
- 7:30 TOBACCO USE IN LACEY PARKS**  
*JENNIFER BURBIDGE, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR  
(STAFF REPORT ATTACHED)*
- 8:00 COMMITTEE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL BOARD ASSIGNMENTS**  
*ANDY RYDER, MAYOR  
(VERBAL - PRESENTATION)*
- 8:15 DEPOT TRAIL AMENITY PROJECT UPDATE**  
*JENNIFER BURBIDGE, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR  
(VERBAL – PRESENTATION)*
- 8:45 ADJOURN**



## LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

January 11, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Tobacco Use in Lacey Parks

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Provide Policy Direction Related to Tobacco Use in Lacey's Park System.

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**STAFF CONTACT:** Scott Spence, City Manager *SS*

Jen Burbidge, Parks and Recreation Director *JB*

**ORIGINATED BY:** Parks and Recreation Department

**ATTACHMENTS:** N/A

**PRIOR REVIEW:** The Lacey Board of Park Commissioners discussed tobacco use in Lacey Parks at its June 7, 2017, and August 7, 2017, meetings.

The General Government Committee reviewed the issue of tobacco use in Lacey Parks at its October 9, 2017, and November 13, 2017, meetings.

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### BACKGROUND:

On June 7, 2017, the Lacey Board of Park Commissioners discussed tobacco use in Lacey Parks in response to a citizen letter received by the Lacey City Council challenging the current policy, which allows smoking on park property. The citizen was frustrated because Long Lake Beach Park was crowded and there were people smoking near her children.

Board discussion followed on whether the city should ask for voluntary compliance in designated smoking areas or ban smoking in parks outright. An initial review found that other Washington Cities have banned smoking in parks such as Seattle, Kent, Tacoma/Pierce County, Gig Harbor, Puyallup, Fife, and Mason County. The City of Olympia initiated a smoking and vaping ban for 2018. Tumwater asks for voluntary non-smoking in their parks.

At its August 7, 2017, meeting, the Parks Board recommended designated smoking areas. As a result, City staff placed a designated smoking area at Long Lake Park within two weeks, which was successfully used by patrons for the rest of the summer. There is a

designated smoking area at the Regional Athletic Complex, located outside the baseball complex. City staff also asks patrons to smoke on the outside of Huntamer Park during Lacey In Tune Concerts.

On October 9, 2017, the General Government Committee received a briefing on Lacey Parks Board's recommendation. After the briefing, the General Government Committee asked that this topic come back before General Government Committee for further discussion. Committee members pointed out that smoking in designated areas of Lacey Parks could be confusing to the public. As a result, the General Government Committee, at its November 13, 2017, meeting recommended that this topic go to the full City Council for a future Worksession discussion.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Provide final policy direction on tobacco use in Lacey's Park System.