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Village Board Approves Tobacco Free Parks

Bensenville, IL – On Tuesday, February 25, 2020 the Bensenville Village Board amended the Village code to make all Village-owned parks tobacco free. The adoption of these regulations continue the Village’s efforts towards health and wellness within the community.

In a recent survey conducted by the DuPage County Health Department, 73% of respondents reported that they do support tobacco-free policies in Village owned recreational parks. Of those who had visited a park in DuPage County within the last year, 45% had been bothered by tobacco smoke.

The new regulations prohibit the use of all nicotine product, tobacco products, and electronic cigarettes in any Village-owned park or outdoor recreation area open to the general public. This includes the Town Center Park, Veterans Park, and Redmond Recreational Complex.

“Second hand smoke has major negative effects on a person’s health and is said to have contributed towards thousands of deaths each year in the United States. By approving these common sense regulations, we will help reduce the chance of families being effected from second hand smoke while also bringing awareness to this nationally recognized issue,” said Village President Frank DeSimone.

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About Bensenville: Bensenville is conveniently located just 20 miles west of downtown Chicago in DuPage County, adjacent to O’Hare International Airport, surrounded by major expressways, and boasts several public transportation options including a Metra commuter station. With plenty to offer both families and businesses like brand new schools, great parks, and special events year round, Bensenville really is the “Gateway to Opportunity.” Please visit our website at: www.bensenville.il.us