

July 8, 2013

Mr. Scott Hayden
City of Kearney Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
2005 1st Avenue
Kearney, Nebraska 68848

RE: City of Kearney Tobacco-Free Parks and Recreation Properties Policy

Dear Mr. Hayden and the City of Kearney,

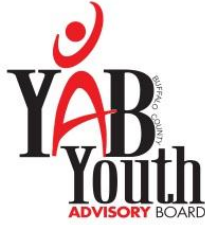
The Buffalo County Youth Advisory Board respectfully submits the City of Kearney Tobacco-Free Parks and Recreation Properties Policy proposal. Throughout our community, we have continued to notice the increased use of tobacco products, especially in city park and recreation areas. With tobacco use the leading preventable cause of death in our nation and community, we urge you to support and adopt this resolution to promote positive community role modeling, enhance the safety and well-being of residents and visitors, and eliminate the health dangers and environmental denigration posed by tobacco use. Many other Nebraska cities, such as Lincoln, Central City, Fremont, Hastings, and La Vista, have implemented tobacco-free parks policies and have received wide support. The time is now to protect our community's most valuable asset—our fellow residents.

Attached you will find signatures of support from our Buffalo County Youth Advisory Board members. Our organization comprises youth from across Buffalo County ranging from sixth to twelfth grade. We are committed to creating a healthier and safer community, all while promoting youth as active social change agents. Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to a safe, comfortable, and tobacco-free environment in our city parks.

Respectfully submitted,

Buffalo County Youth Advisory Board
Buffalo County Community Health Partners





We, as Buffalo County Youth Advisory Board members, hereby express complete support of the City of Kearney Tobacco-Free Parks and Recreation Properties Policy, and urge you to support and adopt this resolution:

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Madison Hamik, Kearney

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