

The Villages®
Community Development Districts
Recreation & Parks



Smoke & Vape Free Zone Policy

Purpose: To provide, identify and offer a Smoke & Vape Free Zone at the entrances to all District Village and Regional Recreation Centers. This is in an effort to reduce the impact of second hand smoke to users as they enter and exit Recreation Centers.

Policy: The Smoke & Vape Free Zone policy will establish a Smoke & Vape Free Zone that prohibits smoking within a minimum of 25 feet from any entrance to recreation center buildings.

Definitions: Smoking refers to the use of traditional tobacco products. Vaping refers to the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems or electronic smoking devices. These are commonly called e-cigarettes, e-pipes, e-hookahs and e-cigars.

*Smoking will be permitted only in designated areas where ash cans are located.

Process:

- All Village and Regional Recreation Center managers will locate and designate the placement of ash cans based on proximity to entrance doors a minimum of 25 feet from entrance doors taking into consideration the location of entrance doors to placement of ash cans.
- All locations will be clearly marked for reference on Recreation Center Building floor plan.
- The policy will be readily available at all Recreation Centers, posted on the District web site and advertised periodically in The Villages Daily Sun.
- The center manager will monitor and make changes, if necessary to placement of ash cans.
- Enforcement of policy by staff will be accomplished through education and awareness to smokers not in compliance.