



# CITY OF LODI

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Approve Tobacco and Alcohol Use at Parks and Recreation Sporting Events

MEETING DATE: December 17, 1997

PREPARED BY: Parks and Recreation Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council support the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and Parks and Recreation Department staff to restrict uses of tobacco and alcohol at outdoor facilities for youth, adult, and general activities as indicated in this report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In July 1997, staff received a letter from Ms. Terri Blum requesting a no-smoking policy for ball field seating areas. The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed and reviewed this issue over a two-month period. During that time, staff further discussed their concerns of smoking at various outdoor facilities (youth and adult) and collected input from program participants, spectators, Boosters of Boys and Girls Sports Board, and Adult Sports Advisory Board. Alcohol use was also discussed.

At the November 4, 1997 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, Commission voted 5-0 in support of the following policies on tobacco and alcohol uses at outdoor youth and adult facilities:

Youth facilities: No tobacco or alcoholic beverages allowed in or around playing areas, bleachers, or concession stands during scheduled uses of this facility for youth related sports and activities.

Adult facilities: No smoking on the field, in bleachers, or near concession stand. No alcohol may not be brought into this facility.

FUNDING: Cost of signage is estimated at \$750.00 and will be funded through current operating budgets.

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Parks and Recreation Director

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APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager