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### **SMOKING BANNED IN WAKE FOREST PARKS & GREENWAYS**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – Aug. 18, 2011** – The Wake Forest Board of Commissioners have approved a smoking ban in all Town parks and greenways, except in specifically designated areas.

The board adopted the ordinance Tuesday evening during its regular monthly meeting, joining a growing number of communities that have forbidden smoking in public parks. The smoking ban is designed to help curb exposure to secondhand smoke and reduce litter.

The ban takes place immediately and includes a possible \$50 fine. Signage will be posted throughout the Town's parks and greenways informing visitors about the new ordinance.

Enforcement will take the form of requesting voluntary compliance. However, if a smoker does not extinguish a smoking product, park staff will remind them of the new policy and could request exiting the property if they choose to continue smoking.

For more information about the smoking ban, contact Parks & Recreation Director Ruben Wall at (919) 435-9561 or [rwall@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:rwall@wakeforestnc.gov).

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