

Park Smoking Ban
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Charleston City Council Approves Park Smoking Ban
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People caught smoking in Charleston city parks will soon face fines. City Council members Thursday gave unanimous approval to an ordinance that prohibits smoking in all city parks.

Violators would be fined \$100, starting with the first offense.

Final approval of the new ordinance is expected in coming weeks. Such a ban would be the first at a city in the Lowcountry.

“People are beginning to demand that when they step outside for a breath of fresh air, they should not find themselves choking on a smoker’s fumes,” Councilman Gary Wenders said. “We all agree that people enjoying the city’s parks should be entitled to a smoke-free, healthy environment.”

Wenders said there has not been much opposition to the ban.

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