

## CHAPTER

No.       **AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 18 "PARKS AND RECREATION", ARTICLE I "IN GENERAL", SECTION 18-22 "SALE OR USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN PARKS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE**

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

Section 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Chapter 18 “Parks and Recreation,” Article I “In General”, Section 18-22 “Sale or use of tobacco products in parks” is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 18-22. - Sale or use of tobacco and cannabis products in parks.

(a) For the purposes of this section, "tobacco product" means any product containing tobacco or nicotine, including but not limited to cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, dipping tobacco, bidis, snus, dissolvable tobacco products, and electronic cigarettes; provided, however, that such term shall not include any product that has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as a tobacco cessation product. For the purposes of this section, “cannabis product” means any product that has been manufactured and contains cannabis or an extract from cannabis, including concentrated forms of cannabis and products composed of cannabis and other ingredients that are intended for use or consumption, including edible products, beverages, topical products, ointments, oils and tinctures.

(b) The sale and use of any and all tobacco and cannabis products is prohibited in all parks, playgrounds, and recreational centers owned by the City of Providence, unless a permit is granted in writing by the superintendent of parks for the sale and/or use of tobacco or cannabis products at a particular site for a specific time frame.

(c) The prohibition on use of tobacco products does not apply to individuals traveling in a vehicle on any public road that runs through a city park.

(d) The use of cannabis products that do not produce smoke or vapors does not apply to persons licensed by the department of health to use cannabis for medical needs.

(e) Any violation of this section is hereby declared to be a public nuisance punishable by a civil fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Each sale and/or use shall be deemed a separate violation, and each shall be subject to a separate fine.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.