

Codebook for King County Tobacco-Free Parks Policies

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This codebook describes the variables in a dataset that examines variation in Tobacco-Free Parks' Policies. This dataset is cross-sectional and is updated through 2014. The jurisdictions selected for measurements King County, WA.

There are six standard variables in every LawAtlas dataset. They are:

ID: An identification code generated by the LawAtlas Workbench.

FIPS Code: The Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) codes are a standardized set of numeric codes issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology to ensure uniform identification of geographic entities through all federal government agencies.

Jurisdiction: This is a dropdown selection in each coding form. It includes the jurisdictions coded in the dataset.

Effective Date: This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the most recent effective date of the legal text captured for this place. The effective date represents the date the policy coded was put into effect.

Ineffective Date: The ineffective date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the last date the policy was in effect as reflected by the legal text captured to code this policy.

Legal Text: This is a text box that captures all legal text relevant to the coding questions. This will not download into Microsoft Excel.

Question 1: What is the geographical location?

Variable Name: GEOG

Variable Values: City, Parks District

Question 2: What is the name of the city or other geographical unit?

Variable Name: GEOG_UNIT

Variable Values:

Question 3: What is the date this policy is being coded?

Variable Name: CodingDate

Variable Values:

Question 4: What is the name of the person coding this policy?

Variable Name: CoderName

Variable Values:

Question 5: Is there a policy on tobacco and/or nicotine product use/possession?

Variable Name: TOB_PROHIB

Variable Values: Yes, No

Question 6: What tobacco or nicotine products are covered by the policy?

Variable Name: TOB_DEF_PROD

Variable Values: Smoked tobacco products, Smokeless tobacco products, E-cigarettes

Question 7: If the policy covers e-cigarettes, what is the definition of e-cigarettes?

Variable Name: TOB_DEF_ECIG

Variable Values: All electronic oral devices, including e-cigarettes, e-cigars and e-pipes or other e-products, Release vapor of nicotine or any other substances, Other, Not specified

Question 8: If the policy covers smokeless tobacco, what is the definition of smokeless tobacco?

Variable Name: TOB_DEF_SMOKLESS

Variable Values: Snuff, Chew, Spit tobacco, Dissolvable products such as Orbs, Any product consisting of cut, ground, powdered or leaf tobacco, Other, Not specified

Question 9: What is the name of the policy as listed in the policy document and the legal citation (if available)?

Variable Name: PolName

Variable Values:

Question 10: What type of policy is this?

Variable Name: TOB_POLTYPE

Variable Values: Municipal Code, Rule, Other (formal)

Question 11: What is the aim of the policy?

Variable Name: TOB_PURP

Variable Values: Limit exposure to second-hand smoke, Image or mission of park, city or facility, Environmental impact of tobacco waste, Costs of removing tobacco waste, Modeling behavior for youth, Risk of fire, Public health & welfare, Other, Not specified

Question 12: What types of tobacco/nicotine are prohibited by the policy?

Variable Name: TOB_DEF_SMOK_HOW

Variable Values: Inhaling, Exhaling, Burning, Inhaling Vapor, Lighting/lit, Chewing, Spitting, Placing a smokeless tobacco product in the oral or nasal cavity, Other, Not specified

Question 13: Does the policy require parks to be 100% smoke free?

Variable Name: TOB_PARKCOV_SMOK

Variable Values: Yes, No

Question 14: If specific park areas are exempt from the policy (i.e., parks are not required to be 100% smoke free), what are they?

Variable Name: TOB_PARKAREAEXEMPT

Variable Values: Designated smoking areas, Parking lots, Open spaces, Other

Question 15: If limited areas only are smoke-free, what areas are smoke-free?

Variable Name: TOB_SMOKEFREEAREAS

Variable Values: Playgrounds, Athletic fields, Bleachers, Beaches, Other

Question 16: If limited smoke-free areas exist, what is the distance requirement from those areas for smoking?

Variable Name: TOB_SMOKEFREEAREAS_DIST

Variable Values: Less than 25 feet, 25 feet or greater, Not specified, Other

Question 17: If smoking is permitted in the policy, what is the distance required from other park visitors?

Variable Name: TOB_SMOK_PERMIT

Variable Values: Less than 25 feet, 25 feet or greater, Not specified, Other

Question 18: Does the policy specifically address all outdoor spaces, including parking lots?

Variable Name: TOB_OUTDRSPAC

Variable Values: Yes, No

Question 19: If the policy restricts smokeless tobacco use (i.e., chewing tobacco), in which park areas is use restricted?

Variable Name: TOB_PARKCOV_SMOKELESS

Variable Values: All park properties, Limited exemptions for certain areas (such as parking lots, open spaces or designated smoking areas) or circumstances (such as private party rentals of buildings), Use only prohibited in tobacco-free areas

Question 20: If specific park areas are exempt from the policy restrictions on smokeless tobacco, what are they?

Variable Name: TOB_PARKCOV_SMOKELESS_EXEMPT

Variable Values: Designated smoking areas, Parking lots, Open spaces, Other

Question 21: At what point must smoking be extinguished when entering park area in private vehicle?

Variable Name: TOB_VEH_PRIV

Variable Values: When entering park area boundary, When exiting vehicle in park area boundary, Other, Policy does not specify when smoking must be extinguished

Question 22: Is improper disposal of litter and waste a violation of the policy?

Variable Name: TOB_DISPOSAL

Variable Values: Yes, No

Question 23: What is included in the definition of tobacco litter and tobacco waste?

Variable Name: TOB_DEF_LITTER

Variable Values: Cigarette butts, Tobacco spit, Other smoking or tobacco debris (i.e., packaging), Not specified

Question 24: Are ashtrays, ash cans or other smoking waste receptacles explicitly permitted in park areas where tobacco or smoking is prohibited?

Variable Name: TOB_ASHTRYS

Variable Values: Yes, No

Question 25: Is signage required by the policy?

Variable Name: TOB_SIGN

Variable Values: Yes, No

Question 26: Where is signage required to be posted?

Variable Name: TOB_SIGN_LOC

Variable Values: All park entrances, Other, Not specified

Question 27: What components does the policy require signage to include?

Variable Name: TOB_SIGN_LANG

Variable Values: "No Smoking" or "Smoke-Free" signs or signs with similar language making clear that smoking is prohibited, Whether smokeless tobacco products are prohibited, City phone number for reporting complaints, Clear indication of enforcement agencies, Other, Not specified

Question 28: Is an enforcement mechanism specified in the policy?

Variable Name: ENF_GEN

Variable Values: Yes, No

Question 29: What types of enforcement actions are authorized by the policy?

Variable Name: TOB_ENF_TYPES

Variable Values: Voluntary or courtesy enforcement, Fine/Civil penalties, Administrative penalties (i.e., expulsion from park premises), Criminal penalties (i.e., misdemeanor), Other, Not specified

Question 30: Does the policy specify the enforcement authority?

Variable Name: TOB_ENF_SPEC

Variable Values: Yes, No

Question 31: If the policy specifies the enforcement authority, who is the enforcement agent?

Variable Name: TOB_ENF_OFF

Variable Values: Any peace officer (i.e., police, sheriff), Agency or department personnel, Other

Question 32: Does policy specify that it limits policy coverage to areas not already addressed under state or Federal law?

Variable Name: TOB_PREEMPT

Variable Values: Yes, No

Question 33: In addition to the main violations of using/possessing tobacco or prohibited nicotine products, what other actions are prohibited by the policy?

Variable Name: TOB_OTHERVIOLS

Variable Values: Aiding and abetting, Retaliation for reporting violations, Other, No other violations addressed

Question 34: Does policy specify responsibility of person with legal or de facto control of area where tobacco use prohibited?

Variable Name: TOB_VIOL_PRIV

Variable Values: Yes, No

Question 35: Does the policy explicitly refer to compliance with other state and local laws?

Variable Name: TOB_ENF_OTHLAWS

Variable Values: Yes, No