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**CITY OF NEWPORT TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING
FOR COMMUNITY INPUT ON
WHETHER TO MAKE CITY PARKS “SMOKE-FREE” ZONES**

The Newport City Council will hold a public hearing on a recommendation from the city’s Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to designate all city parks as “smoke-free” zones. The hearing will be held at the City Council meeting on Monday, April 6, 2015, at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers of the Newport City Hall, 169 SW Coast Highway.

The recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is to amend the existing ordinance to prohibit smoking in the interior of all parks, including picnic shelters and playgrounds. Based on public comment received at the hearing, the City Council may direct staff to develop an ordinance or rules related to this issue.

The public is encouraged to attend the public hearing on April 6, 2015 to provide comments on the recommendation to designate city parks as “smoke-free” zones. Written comments regarding the recommendation may be submitted to the City Recorder, via e-mail, at publiccomment@newportoregon.gov, or by mail, or dropped off to the City Recorder at City Hall, 169 SW Coast Highway, Newport, Oregon 97365. Written comments must be submitted by 4:00 P.M. on Monday, April 6, 2015, and will be included as a part of the record during the public hearing scheduled that evening.

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