

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

2 **AN ORDINANCE OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 190**
4 **PART 2 (PUBLIC PARKS) OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES**
6 **BY CREATING A NEW SECTION PROHIBITING SMOKING AND VAPING IN**
8 **COUNTY PARKS; PROVIDING FOR SIGNAGE AND ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING**
10 **FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN**
12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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10 **WHEREAS**, Seminole County owns, maintains, and operates County Parks, as defined in
12 section 190.26 of the Seminole County Code, for recreational use and enjoyment by residents and
14 visitors of all ages; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners seeks to promote clean, safe and
14 welcoming environments in its County Parks by minimizing exposure to secondhand smoke and
16 aerosol, and reducing litter and associated risks from tobacco and vapor-generating products; and

16 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 386.209, Florida Statutes (2025), counties are authorized
18 to restrict smoking within public parks they own and to impose more restrictive regulations on the
20 use of vapor-generating electronic devices; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners finds that prohibiting smoking and
20 vaping in County Parks, to the extent permitted by law, is an appropriate measure to further public
22 health, safety, and welfare.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY**
24 **COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

24 **Section 1. Recitals.** The forgoing recitals are hereby fully incorporated into this Ordinance
by reference.


Section 2. Amendment. Chapter 190, Part 2 (Public Parks), of the Seminole County Code
26 of Ordinances is hereby amended to add Section 190.45, to read as follows:

Chapter 190. Parks and Recreation

28 Part 2. Public Parks

Sec. 190.45- Prohibition of smoking and vaping in County Parks

30 (a) Prohibited Acts. Smoking and vaping are prohibited in County Parks.

(b) Unfiltered Cigars. This section does not regulate or prohibit the use of unfiltered
32 cigars. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit the use of unfiltered cigars where such
activity is otherwise prohibited by general law. 

34 (c) State law definitions incorporated. For the purposes of this section only,
“smoking”, “vaping”, and “vapor-generating electronic devices” shall have the meanings ascribed
36 to them in section 386.203, Florida Statutes, as amended.

(d) Signage. County Manager or designee may post signage prohibiting smoking and
38 vaping in County Parks.

(e) Enforcement. Violations shall be subject to enforcement and penalties as provided
40 elsewhere in this Code, including removal from County Parks.

Section 3. Codification Clause. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners
42 that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Seminole County Code.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to
44 any persons or circumstances is held invalid, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners
that the invalidity shall not affect the other provision or applications of this Ordinance which shall
46 be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end said provision of this
Ordinance is declared severable.

48 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon filing a copy of this
Ordinance with the Department of State by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, this
_____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA



GRANT MALOY
Clerk to the Board of
County Commissioners of
Seminole County, Florida

Andria Herr, Chairman