

From: [Rob Tyska](#)
To: [Mahoney, Dennis](#)
Cc: [McGarry, Marion](#); [Stella, Jeffrey](#); [Pratt, Rodney](#); [Quinones, Matt](#); [Albano, Laurie](#); [Paul Grillo](#); [Board of Representatives](#); [McGrath, Mark](#)
Subject: Re: PR30.023 ORDINANCE for publication; Banning Smoking in City-Owned Beaches, Parks & Other Recreational Locations
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 8:19:30 PM

Representative Mahoney,

Thank you for your response. I brought this item up at the Golf Commission meeting tonight and we were unanimously opposed to such a ban being put in place at Brennan Golf Course. Aside from the items I mentioned earlier, many of our players like to enjoy a cigar while they play, and we certainly don't need anything in place that would prevent that and have them choose to play elsewhere. We would be pleased to be included in this discussion as it moves along.

Rob Tyska

On Tue, Jun 18, 2019, 6:12 PM Mahoney, Dennis <DMahoney@stamfordct.gov> wrote:

Hi Rob. Thanks for the email. We are at an initial stage on this proposal and will begin, but not end, the discussion this evening. As it continues over the next few months, we are going to be seeking input from you and others in order to reach the best outcome.

Dennis

From: Rob Tyska <robtyska@gmail.com>
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Co-Chairs Mahoney and McGarry,

It has come to my attention that you will be taking up a proposed smoking ban at city owned recreation facilities including the golf courses tonight. I am a bit dismayed that the Golf Commission and Golf Authority was not invited to be part of this discussion since this can have an adverse effect on our play and therefore our revenue. I also have concerns with this ban on how it will effect the restaurant operators at both facilities in that their patrons could be subject to an outside smoking ban that would not apply to other restaurants in the city. Finally this ban would also effect employees of the golf courses and in the case of Brennan, union employees under a collective bargaining agreement who could be subject to a smoking ban that would not apply to other members of their union.

Due to a conflict with our regular meeting of the Golf Commission meeting tonight, I asked that you hold this item until such time as input from both golf courses can be given on this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Tyska
Chairman
Golf Commission