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EXTENSION OF SMOKING PROHIBITION TO MORE PUBLIC PARKS AND GARDENS, ABC WATERS SITES AND 10 RECREATIONAL BEACHES FROM 1 JULY 2022

Authorities will adopt an advisory approach for first three months of implementation – those caught smoking in newly prohibited places will receive warnings. Enforcement will take effect from 1 October 2022.

Singapore, 7 March 2022 – From 1 July 2022, smoking will be prohibited at the three new types of premises listed below. In consultation with partner agencies, the National Environment Agency (NEA) is prohibiting smoking at these additional areas to further protect the public from the harmful effects of second-hand tobacco smoke.

- All remaining public parks and gardens¹
- Active, Beautiful, Clean Waters (ABC Waters) sites, and
- 10 recreational beaches

2 Smoking is already prohibited in some green spaces such as neighbourhood parks in private and public housing estates, reservoirs and nature reserves. This next round of implementation is a progressive development from existing measures intended to protect non-smokers who visit these places for recreational activities. (*Refer to <u>Annex I</u> for the list of new places where smoking will be prohibited and existing places where smoking is already prohibited.*)

Advisory approach for first three months

3 To provide members of the public with sufficient time to adjust, in the first three months of the smoking prohibition extension, those caught smoking in the newly prohibited places will receive warnings. Enforcement action will take effect from 1 October 2022². Officers from NEA, the National Parks Board (NParks), the national water agency PUB, and Sentosa Development Corporation (SDC) will be authorised to issue warnings and take enforcement action for smoking offences in these newly prohibited places³. Posters and banners will also be put up at the new smoke-free locations as additional visual reminders. (*Refer to <u>Annex II</u> for the visual.*)

¹ Applies only to all parks and gardens managed by NParks.

² Under the Smoking (Prohibition in Certain Places) Act 1992, an individual who is caught smoking in a prohibited place is liable to a composition sum of \$200 or a fine of up to \$1,000 if convicted in court.

³ Enforcement officers under PUB will be authorised and empowered under the Smoking (Prohibition in Certain Places) Act 1992 to take enforcement for smoking offences. Under the Parks and Trees Act, enforcement officers from NParks will be able to take enforcement for smoking offences in public parks and gardens under NParks' purview. Under the Sentosa Development Corporation Regulations, enforcement officers from Sentosa Development Corporation will be able to take enforcement for smoking offences in Sentosa beaches.

As part of the transition period, SDC began trialling smoke-free regulations at Tanjong, Palawan, and Siloso beaches since June 2020. In line with the extension, NEA has been working with relevant stakeholders to ensure that sufficient 'No Smoking' signages will be installed and placed strategically within the affected places and premises. (*Refer to <u>Annex III</u> for a sample of the* '*No Smoking' signage.*) Designated Smoking Areas (DSAs) will be provided in some larger regional parks to allow smokers to adjust to smoke-free parks, as well as within the vicinity of the three beaches in Sentosa.

5 Mr Chia Seng Jiang, Group Director for Parks at NParks, said: "Our parks, gardens and park connectors are widely used by all, young and old, for recreation and exercise purposes. The prohibition of smoking in our green spaces will safeguard its air quality and protect the health and well-being of all visitors. We seek the support and cooperation of all park users to make our parks smoke-free."

6 Mr Koh Piak Huat, Divisional Director, Operations, Sentosa Development Corporation, said: "The trial of smoke-free regulations at Sentosa's beaches illustrates our focus on continually studying ways to enhance and create great experiences, while being committed to our guests' wellbeing. We are pleased to join hands with NEA, NParks and PUB to protect our beach-goers and Singaporeans from second-hand tobacco smoke."

Supporting national effort to promote a smoke-free lifestyle

7 The Smoking (Prohibition in Certain Places) Act 1992 administered by NEA, supports the national effort to promote a smoke-free lifestyle in Singapore and helps to reduce the exposure of the public to second-hand tobacco smoke. Smoking is currently prohibited in more than 49,000 premises, including indoor and outdoor premises such as entertainment outlets, shopping malls, schools and bus-stops, as well as common areas in residential buildings (e.g. void decks, corridors, covered walkways, lift lobbies, stairwells).

8 In 2021, more than 13,000 tickets were issued for smoking in prohibited areas. Close to 40 per cent of the enforcement actions were taken for smoking in prohibited areas in HDB estates at common corridors, staircases, void decks and lift lobbies, as more people worked from home.

9 We encourage smokers to be socially responsible when smoking in public places, and not to light up in smoking prohibited places. The most sustainable solution is for smokers to be considerate to others, and to quit smoking for their own health, and the health of their families and of those around them. Friendly and timely reminders from family, friends and other members of the community can help to reinforce the right social behaviour and norms.

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List of New Places Where Smoking Will Be Prohibited from 1 July 2022

ABC Waters Sites and Reservoir Parks

- ABC Waters @ Lorong 8 Toa Payoh (between Toa Payoh Lorong 6 and Toa Payoh Lorong 8);
- 2) ABC Waters @ Serangoon Reservior (outside Hougang Capeview)
- 3) Alexandra Canal (between Tanglin Road to Delta Road and Zion Road to Kim Seng Road);
- 4) Alexandra Canal Subsidiary Drain "F" (between Boon Tiong Road and Zion Road);
- 5) Bedok Reservoir;
- 6) Bukit Batok Canal (between Bukit Batok West Avenue 2 and Bukit Batok West Avenue 4);
- 7) Bukit Batok West Outlet Drain (between Bukit Batok West Avenue 8 and Pan-Island Expressway);
- 8) Bukit Timah First Diversion Canal (between Bukit Timah Road and Holland Green);
- 9) Chestnut Drive Outlet Drain (between Petir Road and Dairy Farm Crescent);
- 10) Communal node at Dawson Road (near Block 92, SkyTerrace @ Dawson);
- 11) Communal nodes at Windsor Park Estate;
- 12) Geylang River (between Dunman Road and Guillemard Road);
- 13) Hougang Avenue 10 Outlet Drain (Between Hougang Avenue 4 to Buangkok Drive);
- 14) Jurong Lake++;
- 15) Kallang River (between Upper Boon Keng Road and Sims Avenue);
- 16) Kallang River @ Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park (between Upper Thomson Road to Bishan Road);
- 17) Kallang River @ Bishan-Braddell (Between Bishan Road and Braddell Road);
- 18) Kallang River @Kolam Ayer ABC Waterfront and River Vista (between Bendemeer Road and Kallang Bahru);
- 19) Kallang River @ Potong Pasir (between Potong Pasir Avenue 1 and St Andrew's Junior School');
- 20) Lorong Halus Wetland (including Serangoon Bridge, also known as Lorong Halus Bridge);
- 21) Lower Seletar Family Bay (including the fishing deck)++;
- 22) Pandan Reservoir (including the dyke);
- 23) Rochor Canal (between Jalan Besar and Crawford Street);
- 24) Sengkang Floating Wetland++;
- 25) Sungei Api Api (between Tampines Expressway and Pasir Ris Drive 3);
- 26) Sungei Pandan (near Sheng Hong Temple);
- 27) Sungei Pandan Kechil (between Ayer Rajah Expressway and West Coast Highway);
- 28) Pang Sua Pond;
- 29) Sungei Pinang (between Hougang Avenue 10 and Upper Serangoon Road);
- 30) Sungei Simpang Kanan (between Canberra Link and Simpang Kiri PCN);
- 31) Sungei Tampines (between Tampines Expressway and Pasir Ris Drive 3);
- 32) Sungei Ulu Pandan (between Clementi Road and Clementi Avenue 4)
- 33) Sungei Whampoa (between Kim Keat Road and Serangoon Road);
- 34) Lookout Deck at Punggol Reservoir (outside of H2O Residences)
- 35) Pang Sua Canal Fishing Deck
- 36) MacRitchie Reservoir Park

⁺⁺These sites are under existing legislation where smoking is already prohibited under the Smoking (Prohibition in Certain Places) Act 1992.

City Parks, Coastal Parks and Regional Parks*

- 1) Ann Siang Hill Park
- 2) City Green
- 3) Duxton Plain Park
- 4) Empress Place
- 5) Esplanade Park
- 6) Handy Road Open Space
- 7) Hong Lim Park
- 8) Kampong Glam Park
- 9) Kim Seng Park
- 10) Mountbatten Road/Old Airport Road Open Space
- 11) North Bridge Garden
- 12) Pearl's Hill City Park
- 13) Raffles Place Park
- 14) Rowell Road Open Space
- 15) Somme Road Playground
- 16) Tanjong Pagar Park
- 17) Telok Ayer Green
- 18) Telok Ayer Park
- 19) War Memorial Park
- 20) Waterboat House Garden
- 21) Youth Olympic Park
- 22) Tras Link Park
- 23) Fort Canning Park (Including Armenian Street, Canning Rise, Farquhar Garden, Jubilee Park, The Foothills)
- 24) Changi Beach Park
- 25) East Coast Park
- 26) Pasir Ris Park
- 27) West Coast Park
- 28) Sembawang Park
- 29) Ang Mo Kio Town Garden East
- 30) Ang Mo Kio Town Garden West
- 31) Bedok Town Park
- 32) Bishan-AMK Park
- 33) Choa Chu Kang Park
- 34) Clementi Woods Park
- 35) Coney Island Park
- 36) Jurong Central Park
- 37) Kallang Riverside Park
- 38) Kent Ridge Park
- 39) Marsiling Park
- 40) Mount Faber Park
- 41) One North Park
- 42) Pasir Ris Town Park
- 43) Punggol Park
- 44) Punggol Waterway Park
- 45) Sengkang Riverside Park
- 46) Sun Plaza Park
- 47) Telok Blangah Hill Park
- 48) Tiong Bahru Park
- 49) Toa Payoh Town Park
- 50) Woodlands Waterfront Park
- 51) Yishun Park

*All City Parks, Coastal Parks and Park Connectors developed after 1 July 2022 will be smoke-free too. For a list of Park Connectors, refer to Appendix 1.

Recreational Beaches

- Changi Beach
 East Coast Beach
- 3) West Coast Beach
- 4) Sembawang Beach5) Pasir Ris Beach
- 6) Coney Island Beach7) Punggol Beach
- 8) Siloso Beach^
- 9) Palawan Beach^
- 10) Tanjong Beach^

^Enforcement for smoking at these beaches come under the Sentosa Development Corporation Regulations.

List of Places where Smoking is Already Prohibited under the Smoking (Prohibition in Certain Places) Act 1992

| Effective Date | Places |
|----------------|---|
| Oct 1970 | Omnibuses |
| | Cinemas and theatres |
| Mar 1973 | Lifts |
| Oct 1982 | Amusement centres |
| Jul 1988 | Hospitals (indoor), maternity homes, medical clinics and nursing homes |
| | Indoor areas of fast-food outlets |
| | Indoor ice-skating rinks, roller skating rinks and roller discotheques |
| Sep 1989 | Selected air-conditioned departmental stores, mini-supermarkets, |
| | supermarkets, air-conditioned restaurants Public libraries, museums and art galleries |
| | Public libraries, museums and art galleries Convention halls or multi-purpose halls used for meetings or exhibitions |
| | Indoor sports arena including bowling alleys, billiard saloons, |
| | gymnasiums and fitness centres |
| Apr 1992 | Private buses, school buses and taxis |
| | Air-conditioned hair-dressing saloons and barber shops |
| | Banks |
| Dec 1992 | The Supreme Court, the State Courts Building, the Family Justice |
| | Courts Building, and the office of the Tribunal for the Maintenance of |
| | Parents at Family Link@Lengkok Bahru |
| Sep 1994 | Air-conditioned offices, factory floors and enclosed or air-conditioned common areas of private residential premises |
| Mar 1995 | Changi Airport terminal buildings (air-conditioned area) |
| 10101 1995 | |
| Dec 1995 | Air-conditioned shopping centres, underground pedestrian walkways Queues in public places |
| | Selected air-conditioned areas/facilities in private clubs |
| Aug 1997 | Schools, polytechnics, junior colleges and Institutes of Technical |
| | Education, enclosed or air-conditioned areas in universities |
| | Air-conditioned shops |
| | Public toilets |
| | Bus shelters and bus interchanges |
| Oct 2005 | Swimming pools and stadiums |
| | Community centres/clubs Nete: In addition to the above premises amoking is also prehibited in |
| | [Note: In addition to the above premises, smoking is also prohibited in nature reserves under the Parks and Trees Act administered by NParks.] |
| | Hawker centres[#] |
| Jul 2006 | Non air-conditioned foodshops[#] |
| Jul 2007 | Entertainment outlets such as pubs, bars, discos and lounges |
| | Non air-conditioned shops, shopping complexes, office premises and |
| Jan 2009 | factories |
| | Lift lobbies and hotel lobbies |
| | Markets |
| | Multi-storey and basement carparks |
| | Ferry terminals |
| | Entrance or exits to indoor areas of buildings and facilities where areabies is prohibited (within 5 metroes of the extensions on exits) |
| | smoking is prohibited (within 5 metres of the entrances or exits) |
| Jan 2013 | Playgrounds and exercise areas Common areas in residential buildings (common corridors, stainwalls) |
| | Common areas in residential buildings (common corridors, stairwells, staircase landings, void decks) |
| | Sheltered walkways and linkways |
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| Effective Date | Places |
|----------------|--|
| | Pedestrian overhead bridges |
| | Hospital outdoor compounds |
| | Any area within a 5-metre radius from bus shelters |
| Jun 2016 | Parks in public housing estates managed by respective Town CouncilsJTC parks |
| | Premises by MINDEF, SAF and MHA |
| | Amenities/facilities managed by PUB around certain reservoirs⁺⁺ [Note: In addition to the above premises, smoking is also prohibited in neighbourhood parks in private residential estates, under the Parks and Trees Act administered by NParks.] |
| Oct 2017 | Private-hire cars, when used to provide paid chauffeured service Trishaws Excursion buses |
| | Compounds of Autonomous Universities' (AUs) Drivets Education Institutions (DEIs) |
| | Private Education Institutions (PEIs) A radius of five metres from the compounds of educational institutions |
| Jan 2019 | Public areas and places within Orchard Road precinctSeletar Airport |
| | Water bodies of scheduled reservoirs under the Public Utilities Act |

[#]Some hawker centres and non-airconditioned foodshops still have existing smoking corners which were allowed on an application basis previously. Since Jun 2017, NEA has stopped accepting new applications for smoking corners in all food retail establishments islandwide. Existing smoking corners in food retail establishments will be allowed to remain until the current licence is terminated or cancelled.

⁺⁺The following amenities or facilities managed by the Public Utilities Board:

- (a) Lower Seletar Family Bay and Fishing Jetty;
- (b) Any seating gallery overlooking Punggol Reservoir;
- (c) Any boardwalk, shelter, seating gallery or turf area along the perimeter of Jurong Lake
- (d) Any amenity or facility within the Marina Barrage managed by the Public Utilities Board, including the Marina Bridge

Annex II

Poster Visual





Sample of 'No Smoking' Signage and Poster

List of Park Connectors

- 1) Adam PC
- 2) Admiralty West PC
- 3) Airport Road PC
- 4) Alexandra Canal Linear Park
- 5) Alexandra Garden Trail
- 6) Alexandra PC
- 7) Alexandra-Queensway PC
- 8) Ang Mo Kio Ave 5 PC
- 9) Ang Mo Kio Ave 8 PC
- 10) Ang Mo Kio PC
- 11) Balam PC
- 12) Bedok PC (Laguna Golf Club ECP Carpark G)
- 13) Bedok PC (Bedok Reservoir PIE)
- 14) Bedok PC (PIE Laguna Golf Club)
- 15) Bedok PC (PIE Upper Changi Rd East)
- 16) Bedok PC (Bedok Reservoir MRT PIE)
- 17) Bedok PC (opp bank)
- 18) Bidadari PC
- 19) Buangkok PC
- 20) Bukit Batok East PC
- 21) Bukit Batok PC
- 22) Bukit Batok West PC
- 23) Bukit Panjang PC
- 24) Bukit Panjang PC (Woodlands Rd KJE)
- 25) Bukit Timah PC
- 26) Bukit Timah PC (HCI Second Ave)
- 27) Canberra PC
- 28) Canberra Sembawang PC
- 29) Central Catchment PC
- 30) Changi Point PC
- 31) Choa Chu Kang North PC
- 32) Choa Chu Kang PC (Choa Chu Kang Dr Bukit Batok Rd)
- 33) Choa Chu Kang PC (Bt Batok Rd-Bt Batok East Ave 5)
- 34) Coastal PC
- 35) Coney Island PC
- 36) Dairy Farm PC
- 37) Geylang PC (Mountbatten Rd Geylang Lor 40)
- 38) Geylang PC (Mountbatten Rd Tanjong Rhu)
- 39) Henderson PC
- 40) Hillview PC
- 41) Hougang Ave 3 PC
- 42) Jalan Pelikat PC
- 43) Jurong PC (Jurong West Ave 1 Boon Lay Way)
- 44) Jurong PC (Corporation Rd Jalan Boon Lay)
- 45) Jurong PC (Enterprise Pd-International Rd)
- 46) Jurong PC (International Rd AYE)
- 47) Jurong PC (Jalan Boon Lay Enterprise Rd)
- 48) Jurong PC (Sungei Lanchar)
- 49) Jurong PC (Yuan Ching Rd Corporation Rd)
- 50) Jurong PC (PIE Jurong Lake)
- 51) Jurong PC (PIE Jurong West Ave 1)
- 52) Jurong West PC (Jurong West St 65 Jurong West St 93)
- 53) Jurong West PC (Jurong West St 65-Jurong West St 64)

- 54) Kallang PC (Bendemeer Rd Sims Ave)
- 55) Kallang PC (Bishan Rd Braddell Rd)
- 56) Kallang PC (Jalan Toa Payoh Bendemeer Rd)
- 57) Kallang PC (Toa Payoh Lor 8 Jalan Toa Payoh)
- 58) Kallang Linear Park
- 59) Khatib Bongsu (opp Bank) PC
- 60) Khatib Bongsu PC
- 61) Lorong Halus PC
- 62) Loyang PC
- 63) Mandai PC
- 64) Marsiling PC
- 65) Old Upper Thomson PC
- 66) Pandan Gardens PC
- 67) Pang Sua PC (Choa Chu Kang Way Choa Chu Kang Rd)
- 68) Pang Sua PC (Choa Chu Kang Rd Bukit Panjang Rd)
- 69) Pasir Ris PC
- 70) Paya Lebar PC
- 71) Pelton Canal PC
- 72) Punggol PC (Gerald Dr Anchovale CC)
- 73) Punggol PC (Punggol Waterway Punggol Promenade)
- 74) Punggol PC (TPE Punggol Waterway)
- 75) Punggol Promenade Nature Walk
- 76) Punggol Promenade Punggol Point Walk
- 77) Punggol Promenade Riverside Walk
- 78) Punggol Waterway
- 79) Riverside PC
- 80) Rochor Canal PC
- 81) Seletar West PC
- 82) Sembawang PC
- 83) Serangoon PC (Buangkok Green Punggol Park)
- 84) Serangoon PC (Sungei Pinang)
- 85) Serangoon PC (Tampines Rd Sungei Serangoon)
- 86) Siglap PC (East Coast Rd PIE)
- 87) Siglap PC (ECP- East Coast Rd)
- 88) Siglap PC (PIE Bedok North Rd)
- 89) Simei PC (Simei MRT Upp Changi Rd East)
- 90) Simpang Kiri PC
- 91) Sims Ave PC
- 92) Stadium PC
- 93) Sungei Serangoon Linear Park
- 94) Sungei Serangoon PC
- 95) Tampines Loyang PC
- 96) Tampines (Ave 10) PC
- 97) Tampines PC (Ave 2 PIE)
- 98) Tampines PC (Bedok Reservoir Park Tampines Ave 1)
- 99) Tampines PC (Pasir Ris Park TPE)
- 100) Tampines PC (Sun Plaza Park Tampines Ave 1)
- 101) Tampines PC (Tampines Ave 12 TPE)
- 102) Tampines PC (Tampines Ave 2 Tampines Ave 4)
- 103) Tanjong Rhu Promenade
- 104) Ulu Pandan PC (AYE to Clementi Road)
- 105) Ulu Pandan PC (PIE Bukit Batok East Ave 2)
- 106) Ulu Pandan PC (PIE to AYE)
- 107) Ulu Pandan PC (Commonwealth Clementi Rd)
- 108) Ulu Pandan PC (Van Kleef Centre)
- 109) Ulu Pandan PC (North Bank)
- 110) Ulu Sembawang PC

- 111) Upper Thomson PC
- 112) West Coast PC
- 113) Whampoa PC (Jalan Rajah Bendemeer Rd)
- 114) Whampoa PC (opp bank)
- 115) Woodlands (Ave 2) PC
- 116) Woodlands (Ave 3) PC
- 117) Woodlands (Ave 5) PC
- 118) Woodlands (Ave 7) PC
- 119) Woodlands (Ave 12) PC
- 120) Woodlands (SLE) PC
- 121) Woodlands (Street 13) PC
- 122) Yishun PC

Park Connectors under Development Singapore River Round Island Route