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### **Health Department congratulates East Jordan, local communities for going tobacco-free**

EAST JORDAN – The Health Department of Northwest Michigan recognizes the city of East Jordan for its commitment to maintaining a healthy community. The city recently passed an ordinance prohibiting the use of all tobacco products—cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, e-cigarettes— in its parks and beaches. The city of East Jordan joins many other local jurisdictions in Northern Michigan by banning tobacco use in designated public areas.

“We want to congratulate East Jordan for going tobacco-free, and we encourage other jurisdictions to do the same,” said Susan Pulaski, Community Health Coordinator at the Health Department. “Banning tobacco in these areas is a giant step forward in protecting the health of our communities and the environment.”

In addition to East Jordan, the following municipalities have designated their parks and beaches as either tobacco-free or smoke-free:

- Village of Pellston
- Village of Alanson
- City of Charlevoix
- City of East Jordan
- Camp Petosega—playground and beach areas (operated by Emmet County)
- City of Harbor Springs—Zorn Park, beach, docks
- Otsego Lake County Park Playground (operated by Otsego County)

Private parks and organizations are also encouraged to take action against tobacco use. The Charlevoix Public Library and the Petoskey Youth Soccer Association Click Road Soccer Complex are two examples of local tobacco-free campuses.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. To learn more, call (800)432-4121 or visit [www.nwhealth.org](http://www.nwhealth.org).