

Dear Mayor Brean & City Council Members,

It was recently brought to my attention that adoption of a fragrance-free policy in public spaces will be discussed at Thursday's meeting. I regret that I am unable to attend in person but would like to offer my support for adoption of this policy. I am currently an Executive Loss Control Consultant with a large commercial insurance company and have worked with both commercial and municipal organizations in the areas of loss prevention and risk management consultation for the past 20 years. I have researched and discussed chemical and fragrance sensitivities with clients over the years and can confirm that the impact to people who suffer from this is both very real and can be extremely debilitating. In addition to the physical symptoms that can indeed be grave, lack of a formal policy and the use of fragrances in public areas can amount to a barrier to access of public spaces for these individuals. This is a relatively new area of public policy, but I believe a search of the records will support adoption of this proactive policy.

Kindest Regards,

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