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Penalties for smoking in Scotch Plains parks spelled out in new rules up for vote

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SCOTCH PLAINS — An amendment to a smoking ban in township parks will be voted on by the Township Council here tonight, Sept. 17.

The amendment sets a the penalties for violators of the ban. A public hearing on the measure will be held prior to the Council's vote on the matter.

Penalties spelled out in the ordinance being considered are:

- For a first offense, the municipal court can impose a fine of not less than \$50, but not exceeding \$100.
- For second offense, a fine of not less than \$100 but not exceeding \$200, or community service, within the court's discretion.
- For third and subsequent offenses, a fine of not less than \$200 but not exceeding \$500, or community service, or a combination of a fine and community service, within the court's discretion.

The original ordinance passed earlier this year banning smoking in township parks did not contain any language governing penalties.

Scotch Hills Country Club is excluded from the smoking ban. Smoking, including cigar smoking is permitted on the golf course, but smoking is banned at the club's miniature golf area.

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