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Edgewater City Council Continues Jefferson County Smoke-Free Leadership

Edgewater, CO -- The City Council of Edgewater is the latest leader for strong smoke free laws in Jefferson County, Colorado. The Council voted July 8, 2010, on a 5 - 2 vote to make outdoor customer service areas smoke-free; expanding smoke-free zones to 20 feet from all doorways; making the city's parks and outdoor sporting events smoke-free; and, removing exemptions found in the State's smoke-free law for indoor workplaces – tobacco retail stores, cigar bars, and small businesses. The ordinance will go into effect July 20, 2010.

“It’s about health. It’s about keeping our air clean for our visitors, our citizens, and our families” said Edgewater Mayor Bonnie McNulty.

“Edgewater has shown how much it values the health of its workers, residents, and visitors, as well as ensuring its youth and adults can enjoy more tobacco free environments for recreation,” said Lee Stiffler-Meyer, resident and leader of Tobacco-Free Edgewater for Health, the grassroots coalition working in support of the ordinance.

Edgewater continues Jefferson County’s leadership on supporting comprehensive smoke-free laws, free of the exemptions found in the State law. “The smoke-free movement in Colorado has been led by local communities, such as Arvada and Edgewater, which have proven to be role models for other communities” said Donna Viverette, of Jefferson County Public Health. “We hope more communities will follow Edgewater’s lead in protecting their workers and residents from the deadly harm of second-hand smoke.”

The Edgewater policy was a result of the dedicated commitment and work of the City Council, community and business members from Edgewater, Tobacco Free Edgewater for Health, Tobacco-Free Jeffco, and the Jefferson County Public Health Tobacco Prevention Initiative Team.

For more information about how to get involved in smoke/tobacco-free efforts in your community, contact Jefferson County Public Health at 303-275-7555 or email Donna Viverette at dviveret@jeffco.us.