

USE OF TOBACCO, CANNABIS AND VAPING DEVICES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY



Authority

This ordinance is adopted by the selectboard of the Town Enfield pursuant to RSA 41:8 and RSA 41:11-a.

Description

This Ordinance promotes the health and safety of Enfield residents, employees, and visitors by establishing smoke, tobacco and vaping-free Town owned facilities and outdoor spaces.

Purpose

Creating smoke and tobacco and vaping-free environments protects employees and the public from the harms of tobacco use and secondhand smoke/vapor. Smoke, tobacco and vape-free environments encourage people to quit, prevent initiation of tobacco use by youth, and change social norms around tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke.

Applicability and Scope

The use of Tobacco, Cannabis and Vaping Devices on Public Property Ordinance applies to all persons on all properties owned or operated by the Town of Enfield including all parks, beaches and recreational areas, and is in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Definitions

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

1. Tobacco Products: cigarettes, little cigars, roll-your-own tobacco, snuff, cigars, smokeless tobacco, and other tobacco products.

2. Tobacco Substitute Products: products, including electronic cigarettes or other electronic or battery-powered devices, that contain or are designed to deliver nicotine or other substances into the body through the inhalation of vapor.
3. Cannabis: parts of any plant of the Cannabis genus of plants, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of such plant; and every compound, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such plant, its seeds, or resin as defined by RSA 126-X:1, III.

Ordinance

This Ordinance prohibits the use of all tobacco, cannabis and tobacco substitutes (including vaping devices), on all property or grounds of the Town including all facilities, parks, beaches, and recreational areas, except in designated smoking areas. This includes all persons at public and/or private gatherings, including but not limited to athletics, meetings, lectures, social, civic and/or cultural gatherings, held at property being designated as substance-free.

Enforcement

Any person who violates this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and, notwithstanding RSA 651:2, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100 for each offense.

John W. Kluge, Chair

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