



AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SMOKING AND VAPING IN AND ON TOWN PROPERTY

Purpose

The Town of Rural Hall is committed to providing a safe work environment for employees, volunteers, contractors, and the public by prohibiting smoking and vaping in or on Town buildings, vehicles, grounds, parks, and public places.

Definitions

- A. Smoking – The inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying of a lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, or other combustible tobacco product in any manner or form.
- B. Vaping – The use of electronic vapor delivery systems, commonly known as "electronic cigarettes" or "e-cigarettes" in any manner or in form.

Prohibition

It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke or use vaping devices in any building or facility, or portion of any building or facility owned, leased, operated, occupied, managed, or controlled by the Town.

It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke or use vaping devices within fifty (50) feet of any entrance to a Town-owned building.

It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke or use vaping devices in any vehicle owned or leased by the Town.

It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke or use vaping devices at any Town park or recreational facility.

Smoking Areas

Designated smoking areas shall be established for each location with the exception of those specifically designated to be entirely smoke free. Such area must be away from the building and be a non-work area where employees or citizens are required to enter during regular business hours.

Enforcement and Penalties

Employees who violate this Ordinance will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Personnel Policy.

Failure to cease smoking or vaping constitutes an offense subject to a citation resulting in fees and civil penalties per the Town of Rural Hall's most current Fee Schedule as adopted by the Town Council. If such charge has not been paid within thirty (30) days, the violation ticket shall be delinquent and subject to additional civil penalties. The violation ticket shall have stated thereon that payment is due within thirty (30) days following the date of issuance to avoid a civil penalty and court costs being applied.

The civil penalties imposed herein and the proceeds there from, as collected by payment, civil action, or otherwise, shall belong to the Town and shall be paid into the general fund of the Town under such conditions, if any, as prescribed in the Town of Rural Hall's annual budget.

Adopted this 14th day of September, 2020.

ATTEST:


Town Clerk Dora K. Moore




Mayor Timothy M. Flinchum