REGULATION

Regulation of smoking and use of vapor products in county buildings, on county grounds (within 25 linear feet of county buildings) and in county vehicles.

(1) Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this section:

(1a) "Smoking" shall mean the inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying of lighted pipes, cigars, cigarettes, or other combustible tobacco products or any clove, herbal, or non tobacco product.

(1b) "Vapor product" shall mean any noncombustible product that employs a mechanical heating element, battery, or electronic circuit regardless of shape or size and that can be used to heat a liquid nicotine solution contained in a vapor cartridge. The term includes an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, and electronic pipe. The term does not include any product regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration under Chapter V of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

(1c) "Grounds" shall mean the area located within 25 linear feet of a county building or facility or portion of a building or facility now or hereafter now owned, leased, or occupied by the County of Hyde.

(2) Smoking and use of vapor products prohibited in county buildings. It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke or use vapor products in any building or facility or portion of a building or facility now or hereafter owned, leased, operated, occupied, managed, or controlled by the County of Hyde.

(3) Smoking and use of vapor products regulated in county vehicles. It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke or use vapor products in any vehicle now or hereafter owned or leased by the county.

(4) Smoking and use of vapor products prohibited on county grounds within a minimum of 25 linear feet from county owned or leased buildings. It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke or use vapor products within 25 linear feet from all buildings owned or leased by the county.

(5) Penalty. Violation of this section shall constitute an infraction punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars ($50.00).

(6) Abrogation. This ordinance is not intended to repeal, abrogate, or impair any greater restriction imposed by any other state law or local government ordinance. Wherever the provisions of any other law, ordinance, regulation, or restriction impose higher standards than are required by the provisions of this ordinance, this ordinance does not prohibit enforcement of any such law, ordinance, regulation or restriction.

Adopted this the 10th day of March, 2014.

ATTEST:
Lois Stotesberry, Clerk to the Board

Barry Swindell, Chairman