

Frequently Asked Questions:

- When does this Smoke-Free and Vapor Free Resolution go into effect?
March 10, 2014.
- What is the definition of a vapor product?
A vapor product means 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.
- What are the penalties for non-compliance?
*Violations by employees:
Employees who violate this resolution may be subject to sanctions consistent with Hyde County human resources policies.*
*Violations by other persons:
Will be asked to stop smoking. May be subject to punishment of a \$50.00 fine.*
- How can I find out more information about the ordinance?
For more information about the Hyde County Smoke-Free & Vapor-Free ordinance, visit www.hydecourtnc.gov.
- How can I get help to quit tobacco?
The toll-free QuitlineNC at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) or www.quitlinenc.com.

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HYDE COUNTY SMOKE-FREE & VAPOR-FREE RESOLUTION

Why is the Hyde County Smoke-Free and Vapor Free Resolution Important?

- Smoking and secondhand smoke exposure are leading preventable causes of illness and premature death in North Carolina and the nation.
- Smoking increases the risk of heart disease, stroke, and lung cancer. Smoking has also been proven to cause cancers of the bladder, cervix, esophagus, kidney, larynx, lung, stomach, and uterus, in addition to causing stillbirths and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.
- One in five deaths in the United States is attributable to smoking - more than drugs, alcohol, HIV, motor vehicle accidents, suicides, and murders combined.
- There is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke and that secondhand smoke exposure causes the death of more than 1,600 North Carolinians each year and costs North Carolinians \$288 million dollars annually in health care costs.
- Smoking can cause fires that have resulted in losses of more than 500 million dollars per year nationwide and resulted in extra cleaning, maintenance, and litter costs in excess of 4 billion dollars nationwide.

- Studies conclude that e-cigarettes emit harmful chemicals into the air and need to be regulated in the same manner as tobacco smoking. There is evidence that nitrosamines, a group of carcinogens found specifically in tobacco, are carried over into the e-cigarette fluid from the nicotine extraction process.¹
- Consumers should be warned that, while the health risks associated with the usage of e-cigarettes are less than those associated with tobacco smoking, there remain substantial health risks associated with the use of e-cigarettes.

Hyde County recognizes the health risks of smoking and secondhand smoke for non-smokers and the need to minimize the harmful effects of smoking among staff and eliminate secondhand smoke. Hyde County is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace and environment in all facilities and grounds for its employees, citizens and the visiting public, and to reducing the economic costs of tobacco use to Hyde County and its citizens.

Hyde County Smoke-Free & Vapor-Free Resolution prohibits smoking and the use of e-cigarettes:

- In any local government building.
- In local vehicles owned, leased, or operated by Hyde County.
- On county grounds within a minimum of 25 linear feet from county owned or leased buildings.

¹ Kim, H., H. Shin. 2013. "Determination of tobacco-specific nitrosamines in replacement liquids of electronic cigarettes by liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry." *Journal of Chromatography A*.



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