

POLICY 713 SMOKING

1. Purpose. To protect the environment and public health and comfort by prohibiting smoking in County facilities and vehicles. Numerous studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor of indoor air pollution, and that breathing secondhand smoke is a cause of disease in healthy non-smokers, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and lung cancer.

2. Definitions.

2.1 “Smoking” means to burn tobacco, to burn a tobacco substitute, to use or inhale smoke produced by a tobacco product, or to use or inhale any substance produced by a tobacco substitute, whether by means of a cigar, cigarette, electronic cigarette, water pipe, or any other instrumentality.

3. Prohibited Conduct.

3.1 Smoking is prohibited within a reasonable distance of 25 feet outside a County facility to ensure that tobacco smoke does not enter the facility through entrances, windows, ventilation systems or other means and to protect those entering facilities from exposure to secondhand smoke.

3.2 Smoking is prohibited in any County facility or County vehicle.

3.3 It is unlawful to remove, deface, or destroy any legally required “No Smoking” sign, or to smoke in any place where such sign is posted.

4. Penalty/Enforcement.

4.1 This policy applies equally to all employees, customers, and visitors.

4.2 Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary action and a monetary penalty as outlined in the County Code.

5. County Code.

5.1 County Code Chapter 9.60, Eau Claire County Indoor Clean Air Act, also applies.

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