

## ORDINANCE NO. 2019-11

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSTOWN, KENTUCKY, AMENDING CITY OF WILLIAMSTOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE 9 (GENERAL REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 100 (SMOKING PROHIBITED), WHILE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SMOKING IN ALL WORKPLACES AND PUBLIC PLACES AND BEING 100% SMOKEFREE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WILLIAMSTOWN AS FOLLOWS:

#### **Section 1. Title**

This Ordinance shall be known as the Williamstown Smokefree Air Ordinance of 2018.

#### **Section 2. Findings and Intent**

The Williamstown City Council does hereby find that:

The 2006 U.S. Surgeon General's Report, *The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke*, has concluded that (1) secondhand smoke exposure causes disease and premature death in children and adults who do not smoke; (2) children exposed to secondhand smoke are at an increased risk for sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), acute respiratory problems, ear infections, and asthma attacks, and that smoking by parents causes respiratory symptoms and slows lung growth in their children; (3) exposure of adults to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer; (4) there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke; (5) establishing smokefree workplaces is the only effective way to ensure that secondhand smoke exposure does not occur in the workplace, because ventilation and other air cleaning technologies cannot completely control for exposure of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke; and (6) evidence from peer-reviewed studies shows that smokefree policies and laws do not have an adverse economic impact on the hospitality industry.<sup>1</sup> According to the 2010 U.S. Surgeon General's Report, *How Tobacco Smoke Causes Disease*, even occasional exposure to secondhand smoke is harmful and low levels of exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke lead to a rapid and sharp increase in dysfunction and inflammation of the lining of the blood vessels, which are implicated in heart attacks and stroke.<sup>2</sup> According to the 2014 U.S. Surgeon General's Report, *The Health Consequences of Smoking—50 Years of Progress*, secondhand smoke exposure causes stroke in nonsmokers. The report also found that since the 1964 Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health, 2.5 million nonsmokers have died from diseases caused by tobacco smoke.<sup>3</sup>

Numerous studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution, and that breathing secondhand smoke (also known as environmental tobacco smoke) is a cause of disease in healthy nonsmokers, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and lung cancer. The National Cancer Institute determined in 1999 that secondhand smoke is responsible for the early deaths of approximately 53,000 Americans annually.<sup>4</sup>

The Public Health Service's National Toxicology Program (NTP) has listed secondhand smoke as a known carcinogen.<sup>5</sup>

Based on a finding by the California Environmental Protection Agency in 2005, the California Air Resources Board has determined that secondhand smoke is a toxic air contaminant, finding that exposure to secondhand smoke has serious health effects, including low birth-weight babies; sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS); increased respiratory infections in children; asthma in children and adults; lung cancer, sinus cancer, and breast cancer in younger, premenopausal women; heart disease; and death.<sup>6</sup>

There is indisputable evidence that implementing 100% smoke-free environments is the only effective way to protect the population from the harmful effects of exposure to secondhand smoke.<sup>7</sup>

In reviewing 11 studies concluding that communities see an immediate reduction in heart attack admissions after the implementation of comprehensive smokefree laws, the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies concluded that data consistently demonstrate that secondhand smoke exposure increases the risk of coronary heart disease and heart attacks and that smokefree laws reduce heart attacks.<sup>8</sup>

A significant amount of secondhand smoke exposure occurs in the workplace. Employees who work in smoke-filled businesses suffer a 25-50% higher risk of heart attack and higher rates of death from cardiovascular disease and cancer, as well as increased acute respiratory disease and measurable decrease in lung function.<sup>9</sup>

Studies measuring cotinine (metabolized nicotine) and NNAL (metabolized nitrosamine NNK, a tobacco-specific carcinogen linked to lung cancer) in hospitality workers find dramatic reductions in the levels of these biomarkers after a smokefree law takes effect. Average cotinine levels of New York City restaurant and bar workers decreased by 85% after the city's smokefree law went into effect.<sup>10</sup> After the implementation of Ontario, Canada's Smokefree Indoor Air Law, levels of NNAL were reduced by 52% in nonsmoking casino employees and cotinine levels fell by 98%.<sup>11</sup>

Smokefree indoor air laws result in a significant reduction in fine particulate matter and improved air quality. A Grand Rapids, Michigan study that monitored six restaurants before and after implementation of the state's smokefree air law found that PM2.5 fine particulate matter was reduced by 92 percent after the law went into effect, indicating that the vast majority of indoor air pollution in all six venues was due to secondhand smoke. The results in Grand Rapids were consistent with results in Wilmington, Delaware; Boston, Massachusetts; and Western New York.<sup>12</sup>

Following a Health Hazard Evaluation of Las Vegas casino employees' secondhand smoke exposure in the workplace, which included indoor air quality tests and biomarker assessments, the National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH) concluded that the casino employees are exposed to dangerous levels of secondhand smoke at work and that their bodies absorb high levels of tobacco-specific chemicals NNK and cotinine during work shifts. NIOSH also concluded that the "best means of eliminating workplace exposure to [secondhand smoke] is to ban all smoking in the casinos."<sup>13</sup> A subsequent study in Nevada, whose Clean Indoor

Air Act permits smoking in designated areas of casinos, bars, and taverns, indicates that strong 100% smokefree laws are the only effective way to protect indoor air quality. The study sampled the air quality in 15 casino gaming areas and corresponding nonsmoking areas, and the results indicated that the Clean Indoor Air Act failed to protect air quality in the nonsmoking areas, including children-friendly areas.<sup>14</sup>

Secondhand smoke is particularly hazardous to elderly people, individuals with cardiovascular disease, and individuals with impaired respiratory function, including asthmatics and those with obstructive airway disease.<sup>15</sup> The Americans With Disabilities Act, which requires that disabled persons have access to public places and workplaces, deems impaired respiratory function to be a disability.<sup>16</sup>

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has determined that the risk of acute myocardial infarction and coronary heart disease associated with exposure to tobacco smoke is non-linear at low doses, increasing rapidly with relatively small doses such as those received from secondhand smoke or actively smoking one or two cigarettes a day, and has warned that all patients at increased risk of coronary heart disease or with known coronary artery disease should avoid all indoor environments that permit smoking.<sup>17</sup>

Given the fact that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) bases its ventilation standards on totally smokefree environments. ASHRAE has determined that there is currently no air filtration or other ventilation technology that can completely eliminate all the carcinogenic components in secondhand smoke and the health risks caused by secondhand smoke exposure, and recommends that indoor environments be smokefree in their entirety.<sup>18</sup>

During periods of active smoking, peak and average outdoor tobacco smoke (OTS) levels measured in outdoor cafes and restaurant and bar patios near smokers rival indoor tobacco smoke concentrations.<sup>19</sup> Nonsmokers who spend six-hour periods in outdoor smoking sections of bars and restaurants experience a significant increase in levels of cotinine when compared to the cotinine levels in a smokefree outdoor area.<sup>20</sup>

Residual tobacco contamination, or "thirdhand smoke," from cigarettes, cigars, and other tobacco products is left behind after smoking occurs and builds up on surfaces and furnishings. This residue can linger in spaces long after smoking has ceased and continue to expose people to tobacco toxins. Sticky, highly toxic particulate matter, including nicotine, can cling to walls and ceilings. Gases can be absorbed into carpets, draperies, and other upholsteries, and then be reemitted (off-gassed) back into the air and recombine to form harmful compounds.<sup>21</sup> Tobacco residue is noticeably present in dust throughout places where smoking has occurred.<sup>22</sup> Given the rapid sorption and persistence of high levels of residual nicotine from tobacco smoke on indoor surfaces, including clothing and human skin, this recently identified process represents an unappreciated health hazard through dermal exposure, dust inhalation, and ingestion.<sup>23</sup> The dangers of residual tobacco contamination are present in hotels, even in nonsmoking rooms. Compared with hotels that are completely smokefree, surface nicotine and air 3EP are elevated in nonsmoking and smoking rooms of hotels that allow smoking. Air nicotine levels in smoking rooms are significantly higher than those in nonsmoking rooms of hotels that do and do not completely prohibit smoking. Hallway surfaces outside of smoking

rooms also show higher levels of nicotine than those outside of nonsmoking rooms. Partial smoking restrictions in hotels do not protect non-smoking guests from exposure to tobacco smoke and tobacco-specific carcinogens.<sup>24</sup>

Unregulated high-tech smoking devices, commonly referred to as electronic cigarettes, or "e-cigarettes," closely resemble and purposefully mimic the act of smoking by having users inhale vaporized liquid nicotine created by heat through an electronic ignition system. After testing a number of electronic cigarettes from two leading manufacturers, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) determined that various samples tested contained not only nicotine but also detectable levels of known carcinogens and toxic chemicals, including tobacco-specific nitrosamines and diethylene glycol, a toxic chemical used in antifreeze. The FDA's testing also suggested that "quality control processes used to manufacture these products are inconsistent or non-existent."<sup>25</sup> According to a more recent study, electronic cigarette emissions are made up of a high concentration of ultrafine particles and the particle concentration is higher than in conventional tobacco cigarette smoke.<sup>26</sup> Electronic cigarettes produce an aerosol or vapor of undetermined and potentially harmful substances, which may appear similar to the smoke emitted by traditional tobacco products. Their use in workplaces and public places where smoking of traditional tobacco products is prohibited creates concern and confusion and leads to difficulties in enforcing the smoking prohibitions. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends that electronic smoking devices not be used indoors, especially in smokefree environments, in order to minimize the risk to bystanders of breathing in the aerosol emitted by the devices and to avoid undermining the enforcement of smokefree laws.<sup>27</sup>

The Society of Actuaries has determined that secondhand smoke costs the U.S. economy roughly \$10 billion a year: \$5 billion in estimated medical costs associated with secondhand smoke exposure and \$4.6 billion in lost productivity.<sup>28</sup>

Numerous economic analyses examining restaurant and hotel receipts and controlling for economic variables have shown either no difference or a positive economic impact after enactment of laws requiring workplaces to be smokefree. Creation of smokefree workplaces is sound economic policy and provides the maximum level of employee health and safety.<sup>29</sup>

There is no legal or constitutional "right to smoke."<sup>30</sup> Business owners have no legal or constitutional right to expose their employees and customers to the toxic chemicals in secondhand smoke. On the contrary, employers have a common law duty to provide their workers with a workplace that is not unreasonably dangerous.<sup>31</sup>

Smoking is a potential cause of fires; cigarette and cigar burns and ash stains on merchandise and fixtures causes economic damage to businesses.<sup>32</sup>

The smoking of tobacco, hookahs, or marijuana and the use of electronic cigarettes are forms of air pollution and constitute both a danger to health and a material public nuisance.

Accordingly, the Williamstown City Council finds and declares that the purposes of this ordinance are (1) to protect the public health and welfare by prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment; and (2) to guarantee the right of nonsmokers to breathe smokefree air, and to recognize that the need to breathe smokefree air shall have priority over the desire to smoke.

### **Section 3. Definitions**

The following words and phrases, whenever used in this Ordinance, shall be construed as defined in this Section:

“Bar” means an establishment that is devoted to the serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption by guests on the premises and in which the serving of food is only incidental to the consumption of those beverages, including but not limited to, taverns, nightclubs, cocktail lounges, and cabarets.

“Business” means a sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other business entity, either for-profit or not-for-profit, including retail establishments where goods or services are sold; professional corporations and other entities where legal, medical, dental, engineering, architectural, or other professional services are delivered; and private clubs.

“Electronic Smoking Device” means any product containing or delivering nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person in any manner for the purpose of inhaling vapor or aerosol from the product. The term includes any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, e-hookah, or vape pen, or under any other product name or descriptor.

“Employee” means a person who is employed by an employer in consideration for direct or indirect monetary wages or profit, and a person who volunteers his or her services for a non-profit entity.

“Employer” means a person, business, partnership, association, corporation, including a municipal corporation, trust, or non-profit entity that employs the services of one or more individual persons.

“Enclosed Area” means all space between a floor and a ceiling that is bounded on at least two sides by walls, doorways, or windows, whether open or closed. A wall includes any retractable divider, garage door, or other physical barrier, whether temporary or permanent and whether or not containing openings of any kind.

“Health Care Facility” means an office or institution providing care or treatment of diseases, whether physical, mental, or emotional, or other medical, physiological, or psychological conditions, including but not limited to, hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals or other clinics, including weight control clinics, nursing homes, long-term care facilities, homes for the aging or chronically ill, laboratories, and offices of surgeons, chiropractors, physical therapists, physicians, psychiatrists, dentists, and all specialists within these professions. This definition shall include all waiting rooms, hallways, private rooms, semiprivate rooms, and wards within health care facilities.

“Hookah” means a water pipe and any associated products and devices which are used to produce fumes, smoke, and/or vapor from the burning of material including, but not limited to, tobacco, shisha, or other plant matter.

“Place of Employment” means an area under the control of a public or private employer, including, but not limited to, work areas, private offices, employee lounges, restrooms, conference rooms, meeting rooms, classrooms, employee cafeterias, hallways, construction sites, temporary offices, and vehicles. A private residence is not a “place of employment” unless it is used as a child care, adult day care, or health care facility.

“Playground” means any park or recreational area designed in part to be used by children that has play or sports equipment installed or that has been designated or landscaped for play or sports activities, or any similar facility located on public or private school grounds or on city grounds.

“Private Club” means an organization, whether incorporated or not, which is the owner, lessee, or occupant of a building or portion thereof used exclusively for club purposes at all times, which is operated solely for a recreational, fraternal, social, patriotic, political, benevolent, or athletic purpose, but not for pecuniary gain, and which only sells alcoholic beverages incidental to its operation. The affairs and management of the organization are conducted by a board of directors, executive committee, or similar body chosen by the members at an annual meeting. The organization has established bylaws and/or a constitution to govern its activities. The organization has been granted an exemption from the payment of federal income tax as a club under 26 U.S.C. Section 501.

“Public Event” means an event which is open to and may be attended by the general public, including but not limited to, such events as concerts, fairs, farmers’ markets, festivals, parades, performances, and other exhibitions, regardless of any fee or age requirement.

"Public Place" means an area to which the public is invited or in which the public is permitted, including but not limited to, banks, bars, educational facilities, gambling facilities, health care facilities, hotels and motels, laundromats, parking structures, public transportation vehicles and facilities, reception areas, restaurants, retail food production and marketing establishments, retail service establishments, retail stores, shopping malls, sports arenas, theaters, and waiting rooms. A private residence is not a "public place" unless it is used as a child care, adult day care, or health care facility.

"Recreational Area" means any public or private area open to the public for recreational purposes, whether or not any fee for admission is charged, including but not limited to, amusement parks, athletic fields, beaches, fairgrounds, gardens, golf courses, parks, plazas, skate parks, swimming pools, trails, and zoos.

"Restaurant" means an eating establishment, including but not limited to, coffee shops, cafeterias, sandwich stands, and private and public school cafeterias, which gives or offers for sale food to the public, guests, or employees, as well as kitchens and catering facilities in which food is prepared on the premises for serving elsewhere. The term "restaurant" shall include a bar area within the restaurant.

"Service Line" means an indoor or outdoor line in which one (1) or more persons are waiting for or receiving service of any kind, whether or not the service involves the exchange of money, including but not limited to, ATM lines, concert lines, food vendor lines, movie ticket lines, and sporting event lines.

"Shopping Mall" means an enclosed or unenclosed public walkway or hall area that serves to connect retail or professional establishments.

"Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including hookahs and marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. "Smoking" also includes the use of an electronic smoking device which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this Ordinance.

"Sports Arena" means a place where people assemble to engage in physical exercise, participate in athletic competition, or witness sports or other events, including sports pavilions, stadiums, gymnasiums, health spas, boxing arenas, swimming pools, roller and ice rinks, and bowling alleys.

**Section 4. Prohibition of Smoking in Enclosed Public Places**

Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed public places within the City of Williamstown, including but not limited to, the following places:

**Section 5. Prohibition of Smoking in Enclosed Places of Employment**

A. Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed areas of places of employment without exception. This includes, without limitation, common work areas, auditoriums, classrooms, conference and meeting rooms, private offices, elevators, hallways, medical facilities, cafeterias, employee lounges, stairs, restrooms, vehicles, and all other enclosed facilities.

B. This prohibition on smoking shall be communicated to all existing employees by the effective date of this Ordinance and to all prospective employees upon their application for employment.

**Section 6. Prohibition of Smoking in Private Clubs**

Smoking shall not be prohibited in all private clubs.

**Section 7. Prohibition of Smoking in Enclosed Residential Facilities**

Smoking shall be prohibited in the following enclosed residential facilities:

- A. All private and semi-private rooms in nursing homes.
- B. All hotel and motel guest rooms.

**Section 8. Prohibition of Smoking in Outdoor Public Places**

Smoking shall be prohibited in the following outdoor places:

A. Within a reasonable distance of 25 feet outside public entrances, operable windows, and ventilation systems of enclosed areas where smoking is prohibited, so as to prevent tobacco smoke from entering those areas.



B. On all outdoor property that is adjacent to buildings owned, leased, or operated by the City of Williamstown and that is under the control of the City.

C. In, and within ~~25~~ 15 feet of outdoor seating or serving areas of restaurants and bars.

D. In outdoor shopping malls, including parking structures.

E. In all outdoor arenas, stadiums, and amphitheaters. Smoking shall also be prohibited in, and within 25 feet of, bleachers and grandstands for use by spectators at sporting and other public events.

F. In outdoor recreational areas, including parking lots.

G. In, and within 25 feet of, all outdoor playgrounds.

H. In, and within 25 feet of, all outdoor public events.

I. In, and within 25 feet of, all outdoor public transportation stations, platforms, and shelters under the authority of the City.

J. In all outdoor service lines, including lines in which service is obtained by persons in vehicles, such as service that is provided by bank tellers, parking lot attendants, and toll takers. In lines in which service is obtained by persons in vehicles, smoking is prohibited by both pedestrians and persons in vehicles, but only within 25 feet of the point of service.

K. In outdoor common areas of apartment buildings, condominiums, trailer parks, retirement facilities, nursing homes, and other multiple-unit residential facilities, except in designated smoking areas, not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total outdoor common area, which must be located at least 25 feet outside entrances, operable windows, and ventilation systems of enclosed areas where smoking is prohibited.

L. Smoking shall be permitted in outdoor seating areas where food is served if the area is designated as a smoking section and still falls within the guidelines of Section 8, Paragraphs A and C.

**Section 9. Prohibition of Smoking in Outdoor Places of Employment**

- A. Smoking shall be prohibited in all outdoor places of employment where two or more employees are required to be in the course of their employment. This includes, without limitation, work areas, construction sites, and temporary offices such as trailers, restroom facilities, and vehicles.
  
- B. This prohibition on smoking shall be communicated to all existing employees by the effective date of this Ordinance and to all prospective employees upon their application for employment.

**Section 10. Where Smoking Not Regulated**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, smoking shall not be prohibited in private residences, unless used as a childcare, adult day care, or health care facility.

**Section 11. Declaration of Establishment or Outdoor Area as Nonsmoking**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, an owner, operator, manager, or other person in control of an establishment, facility, or outdoor area may declare that entire establishment, facility, or outdoor area as a nonsmoking place. Smoking shall be prohibited in any place in which a sign conforming to the requirements of Section 1012(A) is posted.

**Section 12. Posting of Signs and Removal of Ashtrays**

The owner, operator, manager, or other person in control of a place of employment, public place, private club, or residential facility where smoking is prohibited by this Ordinance shall:

- A. Clearly and conspicuously post “No Smoking” signs or the international “No Smoking” symbol (consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a red bar across it) in that place.
  
- B. Clearly and conspicuously post at every entrance to that place a sign stating that smoking is prohibited or, in the case of outdoor places, clearly and conspicuously post “No Smoking” signs in appropriate locations as determined by the Northern Kentucky Health Department an authorized designee.

C. Clearly and conspicuously post on every vehicle that constitutes a place of employment under this Ordinance at least one sign, visible from the exterior of the vehicle, stating that smoking is prohibited.

D. Remove all ashtrays from any area where smoking is prohibited by this Ordinance, except for ashtrays displayed for sale and not for use on the premises.

### **Section 13. Nonretaliation: Nonwaiver of Rights**

No person or employer shall discharge, refuse to hire, or in any manner retaliate against an employee, applicant for employment, customer, or resident of a multiple-unit residential facility because that employee, applicant, customer, or resident exercises any rights afforded by this Ordinance or reports or attempts to prosecute a violation of this Ordinance. Notwithstanding Section 1015, violation of this Subsection shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1000 for each violation.

An employee who works in a setting where an employer allows smoking does not waive or otherwise surrender any legal rights the employee may have against the employer or any other party.

### **Section 14. Enforcement**

A. The City Council requests the assistance of the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department in enforcement of this ordinance. The Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department shall enforce the provisions of this subchapter through the issuance of citations or notices of violation, and for this purpose during times when employees are scheduled to work or the public building or establishment in a public building is open to the public, or other reasonable time, may enter that portion of the premises of any public building or establishment in a public building where the public is invited or where employees perform their duties and take breaks, including but not limited to those areas where food and beverages, alcoholic or otherwise, are served, prepared or stored. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent any peace officer with jurisdiction from issuing a citation for violation of this subchapter committed in his or her presence.

B. Notice of the provisions of the subchapter shall be given by the city council to all applicants for any license required to conduct business activity.

C. Any citizen who desires to register a complaint under this subchapter may initiate such by contacting the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department through the telephone or other means of communication designated by the department.

D. The Health Department or their designees shall, while a public building or an establishment in a public building is undergoing otherwise mandated inspections, inspect for compliance with this Ordinance.

### **Section 15. Violations and Penalties**

A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (B) of hereof, any establishment, employer, or employee in violation of this subchapter shall be subject to the following penalties, payable to the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department:

1. A warning for the first offense;
2. A fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the second offense within one (1) year;
3. A fine of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for the third and each subsequent offense within one (1) year.

B. Persons who smoke in an area where smoking is prohibited and who refuse to extinguish their smoking material when asked, shall be required to leave premises, and shall be subject to prosecution for criminal trespass if they do not leave when asked. If necessary, the owner, manager, operator, or employee may contact a local law enforcement agency for assistance. The Northern Kentucky Independent Health Department is not responsible to intervene in such circumstances. A person who smokes in an area where smoking is prohibited shall also be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) per offence.

C. Each calendar day during which the violation occurs shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

### **Section 16. Public Education**

The Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department shall engage in a continuing program to explain and clarify the purposes and requirements of this Ordinance to citizens affected by it, and to guide owners, operators, and managers in their compliance with it. The program may include publication of a brochure for affected businesses and individuals explaining the provisions of this ordinance.

### **Section 17. Governmental Agency Cooperation**

The City Council shall annually request other governmental and educational agencies having facilities within the City to establish local operating procedures in cooperation and compliance with this Ordinance. This includes urging all Federal, State, City and School District agencies to update their existing smoking control regulations to be consistent with the current health findings regarding secondhand smoke.

**Section 18. Other Applicable Laws**

This Ordinance shall not be interpreted or construed to permit smoking where it is otherwise restricted by other applicable laws.

**Section 19. Liberal Construction**

This Ordinance shall be liberally construed so as to further its purposes.

**Section 20. Severability**

If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

**Section 21. Conflict**


All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 22. Effective**


This Ordinance shall be effective as soon as possible according to law.

**Section 23. Publication**

This Ordinance shall be published in summary pursuant to K.R.S. 83(A).060(9).

  
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Rick Skinner, Mayor  
City of Williamstown, Kentucky

ATTEST:

  
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Vivian Link, City Clerk/Treasurer  
City of Williamstown, Kentucky

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## CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Vivian Link, City Clerk of the City of Williamstown, in Grant County, Kentucky, hereby certifies as follows:

1. The foregoing Ordinance No. 2019-11 was introduced in writing and read to the City Council of the City of Williamstown at regular or special meetings thereof on the 15th day of October, 2019, and the 4th day of November 2019, at which quorums were present; and said Ordinance was enacted by the City Council of the City of Williamstown upon the affirmative vote of at least a majority of a quorum thereof, at the meeting thereof on the 4th day of November 2019, with the vote of each member of the City Council entered upon the official record of such meeting; and

2. After passage and adoption of the foregoing Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Williamstown, it was submitted to the Mayor of the City of Williamstown who approved said Ordinance by affixing his signature thereto within ten (10) days after the submission thereof to him; and

3. The foregoing Ordinance was published on the 14th day of November 2019, in the Grant County News, a newspaper qualified thereof, pursuant to the provisions of K.R.S. Chapter 424.

  
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Vivian Link, City Clerk/Treasurer

**LEGAL NOTICE  
WILLIAMSTOWN ORDINANCE 2019-11**

**TITLE**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSTOWN, KENTUCKY, AMENDING CITY OF WILLIAMSTOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE 9 (GENERAL REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 100 (SMOKING PROHIBITED), WHILE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SMOKING IN ALL WORKPLACES AND PUBLIC PLACES AND BEING 100% SMOKEFREE.

**NARRATIVE**

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**PENALTIES**

The full text of each section of the Williamstown Ordinance No. 2019-11 that imposes fine, penalty, forfeiture, tax or fee is as follows:

**Section 15. Violations and Penalties**

- A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (B) of hereof, any establishment, employer, or employee in violation of this subchapter shall be subject to the following penalties, payable to the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department:
  - 1. A warning for the first offense;
  - 2. A fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the second offense within one (1) year;
  - 3. A fine of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for the third and each subsequent offense within one (1) year.
  
- B. Persons who smoke in an area where smoking is prohibited and who refuse to extinguish their smoking material when asked, shall be required to leave premises, and shall be subject to prosecution for criminal trespass if they do not leave when asked. If necessary, the owner, manager, operator, or employee may contact a local law enforcement agency for assistance. The Northern Kentucky Independent Health Department is not responsible to intervene in such circumstances. A person who smokes in an area where smoking is prohibited shall also be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) per offence.
  
- C. Each calendar day during which the violation occurs shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned, Jeffrey C. Shipp, hereby certifies that he is an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and that he prepared the attached Summary of

Williamstown Ordinance No. 2019-11, pursuant to the requirements of K.R.S. 83A.060(9), so that it includes the following:

- (a) The title of the Ordinance;
- (b) A brief narrative setting forth the main points of the Ordinance in a way reasonably calculated to inform the public in a clear and understandable manner of the meaning of the Ordinance; and
- (c) The full text of each section that imposes fines, penalties, forfeitures, taxes or fees.



Jeffrey C. Shipp