

OWSLEY COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
ORDINANCE NO.

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AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH-AND WELFARE BY REGULATING SMOKING  
OF TOBACCO, ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS, VAPOR  
PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRONIC TOBACCO  
PRODUCTS IN ENCLOSED PUBLIC PLACES, PLACES OF  
EMPLOYMENT AND IN CERTAIN OUTDOOR PUBLIC PLACES

Whereas, the Owsley County Fiscal Court, pursuant to statutory and common law has the authority to enact an to regulate smoking in public places and places of employment; and

Whereas, the Owsley County Fiscal Court has made the following findings establishing that the smoking of tobacco and chemical vapor products produces a form of air pollution, presents a danger to health, and is a public nuisance;

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 smoke free 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 smoke free policies and laws do not have an adverse economic impact on the hospitality industry. 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. 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; and

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.

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.

In reviewing 11 studies concluding that communities see an immediate reduction in heart attack admissions after the implementation of comprehensive smoke free 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 smoke free 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.

Studies measuring nicotine (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 smoke free law takes effect. Average nicotine levels of New York City restaurant and bar workers decreased by 85% after the city's smoke free law went into effect.<sup>10</sup> After the implementation of Ontario, Canada's Smoke free Indoor Air Law, levels of NNAL were reduced by 52% in nonsmoking casino employees and nicotine levels fell by 98%.<sup>11</sup>

Smoke free 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 smoke free air law found that PM<sub>2.5</sub> 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%

smoke free 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 smoke free 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 smoke free in their entirety. In 2015, ASHRAE amended its ventilation Standard for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality (621) to include an environment that is completely free from marijuana smoke and emissions from electronic smoking devices.<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 nicotine when compared to the nicotine levels in a smoke free outdoor area.

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, continuing to expose people to tobacco toxins, which represent an unappreciated health hazard through dermal exposure, dust inhalation, and ingestion.<sup>21</sup> Sticky, highly toxic particulate matter, including nicotine, can cling to walls and ceilings, and gases can be absorbed into carpets, draperies, and other upholsteries, which can then be reemitted (off-gassed) back into the air and form harmful compounds. Tobacco residue is noticeably present in dust throughout places where smoking has occurred.<sup>23</sup> The dangers of residual tobacco contamination are present in spaces that are not 100% smoke free, such as in nonsmoking rooms of hotels that allow smoking in some guest rooms. Partial smoking restrictions in hotels do not protect non-smoking guests from exposure to tobacco smoke and tobacco-specific carcinogens.<sup>24</sup>

Electronic 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 that typically contains nicotine, heated through an electronic ignition system. ESD emissions are made up of a high concentration of ultrafine particles, and the particle concentration is higher than in conventional tobacco cigarette smoke.<sup>25</sup> The January 2018 National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine publication states that there is conclusive evidence that in addition to nicotine, most ESDs contain and emit numerous potentially toxic substances and increase airborne concentrations of particulate matter and nicotine in indoor environments. Studies show that people exposed to ESD aerosol absorb nicotine (measured as cotinine) at levels comparable to passive smokers. Many of the elements identified in the aerosol are known to cause respiratory distress and disease. ESD exposure damages lung tissues. Human lung cells that are exposed to ESD aerosol and flavorings — especially cinnamon — show increased oxidative stress and inflammatory responses.<sup>26</sup> 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), the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), and the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) recommend that ESDs not be used in smoke free 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 smoke free laws.<sup>27</sup>

Secondhand smoke from combusted marijuana contains fine particulate matter that can be breathed deeply into the lungs, which can cause lung irritation and asthma attacks, thus making respiratory infections more likely. Exposure to fine particulate matter can exacerbate health problems especially for people with respiratory conditions like asthma, bronchitis, or COPD.<sup>28</sup> <sup>29</sup> Secondhand smoke from marijuana also has many of the same chemicals as smoke from tobacco, including those linked to lung cancer.<sup>30</sup> <sup>31</sup> More research is needed, but the current body of science shows that both tobacco and marijuana smoke may have similar harmful cardiovascular effects.<sup>32</sup> <sup>33</sup> Thus, In the interest of public health, the use of combustible or aerosolized marijuana should be prohibited wherever tobacco smoking is prohibited.

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.

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 smoke free. Creation of smoke free workplaces is sound economic policy and provides the maximum level of employee health and safety.

There is no legal or constitutional "right to smoke."<sup>36</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>37</sup>

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

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

Accordingly, the Owsley County Fiscal Court 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 smoke free air, and to recognize that the need to breathe smoke free air shall have priority over the desire to smoke.

### Section 1. Definitions:

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

- A. "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.
- B. "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.
- C. "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.
- D. "Employee" means a person who is employed by an employer in consideration for direct or indirect monetary wages or profit, or a person who volunteers his or her services for a non-profit entity.
- E. "Employed" 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.
- F. "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.
- G. "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.

- H. "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.
- I. "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.
- J. "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 or County] grounds.
- K. "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.
- L. "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.
- M. "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.
- N. "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.
- O. "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.

- P. "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.
- Q. "Shopping Mall" means an enclosed or unenclosed public walkway or hall area that serves to connect retail or professional establishments.
- R. "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, hookah, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. "Smoking" 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 in this Article.
- S. "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 2. Application of Ordinance to Owsley County Owned Facilities and Property

All enclosed areas, including buildings and vehicles owned, leased, or operated by the Owsley County Fiscal Court, as well as all outdoor property adjacent to such buildings and under the control of the Owsley County Fiscal Court, shall be subject to the provisions of this Ordinance.

## Section 3. Prohibition of Smoking in Enclosed Public Places

Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed public places within Owsley County, including but not limited to, the following places:

- A. Aquariums, galleries, libraries, and museums.
- B. Areas available to the general public in businesses and non-profit entities patronized by the public, including but not limited to, banks, laundromat\* professional offices, and retail service establishments.
- C. Bars.
- D. Bingo facilities.
- E. Child care and adult day care facilities.

- F. Convention facilities.
- G. Educational facilities, both public and private.
- H. Elevators.
- I. Gambling facilities.
- J. Health care facilities.
- K. Hotels and motels.
- L. Lobbies, hallways, and other common areas in apartment buildings, condominiums, trailer parks, retirement facilities, nursing homes, and other multiple-unit residential facilities.
- M. Parking structures.
- N. Polling places.
- O. Public transportation vehicles.
- P. Restaurants.
- Q. Restrooms, lobbies, reception areas, hallways, and other common-use areas.
- R. Retail stores.
- S. Rooms, chambers, places of meeting or public assembly, including school buildings.
- T. Service lines.
- U. Shopping malls.
- V. Sports arenas, including enclosed places in outdoor arenas.
- W. Theaters and other facilities primarily used for exhibiting motion pictures, stage dramas, lectures, musical recitals, or other similar performances.

#### **Section 4. 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 Article and to all prospective employees upon their application for employment.

### Section 5. Prohibition of Smoking in Private Clubs

Smoking shall be prohibited in all private clubs.

### Section 6. 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 7. Prohibition of Smoking in Outdoor Public Places

Smoking shall be prohibited in the following outdoor places:

- A. Within 15 feet of outside 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 Owsley County Fiscal Court and that is under the control of the Owsley County Fiscal Court.
- C. In, and within 15 feet of, outdoor seating or serving areas of restaurants, bars, and gambling facilities.
- D. In outdoor shopping malls, including parking structures.
- E. In all outdoor arenas, stadiums, and amphitheaters. Smoking shall also be prohibited in, and within 15 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 15 feet of, all outdoor playgrounds.
- H. In, and within 15 feet of, all outdoor public events.
- I. In, and within 15 feet of, all outdoor public transportation stations, platforms, and shelters.
- 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 15 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 15 feet outside entrances, operable windows, and ventilation systems of enclosed areas where smoking is prohibited.

### Section 8. 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 Article and to all prospective employees upon their application for employment.

### Section 9. 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 10. Declaration of Establishment of 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 11 is posted.

### Section 11. 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 Owsley County Code Enforcement Officer.

- C. Clearly and conspicuously post on every vehicle that constitutes a place of employment under this Article 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 Article, except for ashtrays displayed for sale and not for use on the premises.

### Section 12. Nonretaliation: Nonwaiver of Rights

- A. 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.
- B. 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 13. Enforcement

- A. This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Owsley County Code Enforcement Board pursuant to the provisions of the Owsley County Code Enforcement Board Ordinance.
- B. Notice of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be given to all applicants for a business license in Owsley County.
- C. Any citizen who desires to register a complaint under this Ordinance may initiate enforcement with the Owsley County Code Enforcement Board.
- D. The Owsley County Health Department, any Fire Department established and providing fire protection services, or their designees shall, while an establishment is undergoing otherwise mandated inspections, inspect for compliance with this Ordinance.
- E. An owner, manager, operator, or employee of an area regulated by this Ordinance shall direct a person who is smoking in violation of this Ordinance to extinguish or turn off the product being smoked. If the person does not stop smoking, the owner, manager, operator, or employee shall refuse service and shall immediately ask the person to leave the premises. If the person in violation refuses to leave the premises, the owner, manager, operator, or employee shall contact the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- F. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, an employee or private citizen may bring legal action to enforce this Ordinance.
- G. In addition to the remedies provided by the provisions of this Section, the Owsley County Code Enforcement Officer or any person aggrieved by the failure of the owner, operator, manager, or other person in control of a public place or a place of employment to comply

with the provisions of this Ordinance may apply for injunctive relief to enforce those provisions in any court of competent jurisdiction.

## Section 14. Violations and Penalties

- A. A person who smokes in an area where smoking is prohibited by the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of violation, punishable by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50).
- B. A person who owns, manages, operates, or otherwise controls a public place or place of employment and who fails to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a violation, punishable by:
  - 1. A fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) for a first violation.
  - 2. A fine not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200) for a second violation within one (1) year.
  - 3. A fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) for each additional violation within one (1) year
- C. In addition to the fines established by this Section, violation of this Ordinance by a person who owns, manages, operates, or otherwise controls a public place or place of employment may result in the suspension or revocation of any permit or license issued to the person for the premises on which the violation occurred.
- D. Violation of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, which may be abated by the Owsley County Code Enforcement Officer, by restraining order, preliminary and permanent injunction, or other means provided for by law, and the Owsley County Fiscal Court may take action to recover the costs of the nuisance abatement.
- E. Each day on which a violation of this Ordinance occurs shall be considered a separate and distinct violation.

## Section 15. Other Applicable Laws

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

## Section 16. Construction

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

## Section 17. Area of Enforcement

The provisions of this Ordinance are enforceable throughout the entire geographical boundary of Owsley County.

Section 18. 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 remaining provisions of this Ordinance, which may be given effect independent of the provision or application declared invalid.

Section 19. Effective date

This Ordinance shall be effective upon the date of its adoption.

Introduced and given first reading at a regular meeting of the Owsley County Fiscal Court on November 8, 2021, and fully adopted after the second reading at a regular meeting of the Owsley County Fiscal Court on December 13, 2021.

DATED:

10/13/2021



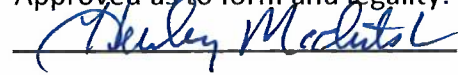
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Owsley County Fiscal Court Clerk

Approved as to form and legality:



Owsley County Attorney