

Town of Winthrop Tobacco Free Facility Policy July 11, 2022

Town of Winthrop is dedicated to providing everyone with a safe and healthy environment at all of the Town facilities.

Town of Winthrop recognizes that smoking and the use of tobacco products at facility is detrimental to the health and safety of everyone. Town of Winthrop supports an environment where nobody is exposed to the harmful effects of secondhand smoke and everyone is supported in efforts to live tobacco-free. Therefore, Town of Winthrop has adopted a 100% tobacco-free facility and property policy, that exceeds state law (See, 22 M.R.S. §1580-A).

This policy prohibits all smoking, tobacco litter, and the use of all tobacco 24 hours a day, 365 days a year:

- In all Town of Winthrop owned, leased and affiliated buildings.
- On all Town of Winthrop owned or leased properties, including but not limited to community recreation fields and trails, Cemeteries and Memorial parks, East Winthrop Beach, Norcross Point, Maranacook Lake Town Beach, and Municipal parking areas.
- At all Town of Winthrop permitted or sanctioned events and festivals– both indoors and outdoors when on Town of Winthrop property, including but not limited to municipal parking areas such as Bowdoin Street and Union Street, and Town Hall Lane.
- In all Town of Winthrop owned, leased or rented vehicles.

This smoke-free and tobacco-free policy applies to all people utilizing Town of Winthrop space, including organizers of, and attendees at, public events, including but not limited to, athletic events, concerts, productions, conferences, meetings, lectures, social events and/or cultural events using Town of Winthrop owned, leased and affiliated property. Everyone is required to abide by Town of Winthrop's smoke and tobacco-free policy.

DEFINITIONS:

- A. "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe or joint, 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 policy. Non-smoked marijuana products including, but not limited to, edibles and dabs are also included in this policy.
- B. "Tobacco" is defined as all tobacco-derived or containing products, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, cigarillos, bidis, kreteks; all smokeless and dissolvable tobacco products, including but not limited to, dip, spit/spit-less, chew, snuff, snus and nasal tobacco; and any product intended to mimic tobacco, containing tobacco flavoring or delivering nicotine, including but not limited to, electronic nicotine delivery systems, e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-hookahs, vape pen or any other product name or descriptor. Or the use of any other type of tobacco or nicotine product for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of tobacco in this

policy. This does not include products specifically approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the purpose of cessation or nicotine replacement therapy.

PROCEDURES

This policy will be communicated through tobacco-free signs posted in appropriate areas, at all property entrances and throughout the facilities, through employee education, including being written into training manuals and new employee orientation.

The success of this policy will depend on the courtesy and cooperation of both tobacco users and nonusers. Everyone is responsible for following and helping to enforce the policy. Problems should be brought to the attention of the appropriate supervisor. Violations of this policy will be handled through established disciplinary procedures.

TOBACCO TREATMENT SUPPORT

Tobacco treatment information is available for those interested in quitting, including about the Maine QuitLink (1-800-QUIT-NOW or MaineQuitLink.com). The Maine QuitLink offers a variety of phone- and web-based quit service options that are free, friendly, and confidential.

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