

IOWA COUNTY ORDINANCE No. 600.26

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING OR PROHIBITING SMOKING IN AND AROUND COUNTY BUILDINGS, PROPERTY AND IN COUNTY OWNED VEHICLES**

**Whereas**, secondhand tobacco smoke has been classified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a known cause of lung cancer in humans (Group A carcinogen) and there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke; and

**Whereas**, secondhand tobacco smoke increases the risk of cancer and poses other significant health threats including asthma, emphysema, heart attack and stroke; and

**Whereas**, smoking related illnesses and premature death contribute to the loss of productivity and soaring costs of health insurance for county employees; and

**Whereas**, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) warns that the concentration of breathable particles from secondhand tobacco smoke in a closed motor vehicle is more than 133 times higher than the current average annual EPA standard; and

**Whereas**, the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Condition Engineers (ASHRAE) cautions that no ventilation systems are designed to remove the hazardous toxins and gases of secondhand smoke from the air; and **Whereas**, cigarettes are the leading cause of fatal fires; and **Whereas**, it is everyone's right to breathe clean indoor air; and

**Whereas**, persons working or doing business within the county owned buildings and vehicles) should be free from exposure to environmental tobacco smoke; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors as follows:

**Section 1:** Iowa County has declared the entire workplace a non-smoking facility. No person shall smoke or carry a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, electronic cigarette, personal vaporizer or any other lighted smoking equipment or device in any county vehicles or buildings.

**Section 2:** Smoking shall be prohibited within 25 feet of any entrance to any building owned or leased by Iowa County which provides public access to any government services provided by Iowa County.

**Section 3:** A person designated by the appropriate committee of the County Board shall post, in a conspicuous place at every Iowa County outside building entrance a "no smoking" sign or international "no smoking" symbol consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a bar across it. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, deface, or destroy any sign or sticker required by this section or to smoke in any place where any such sign or sticker is posted.

**Section 4:** This ordinance shall take effect on June 1, 2009, and be enforced upon passage and publication as provided by law.

**Section 5:** The County will assist with anyone who wishes to quit smoking. The Iowa County Health Department will provide smoking cessation education to County employees on their off time.

Approved by the Iowa County Health Committee on October 2, 2008.

Amended May 19, 2015