

Town of China Tobacco-Free Policy

Preamble

The Town of China, Maine is committed to providing a healthy environment for the entire community. To that end, tobacco-free facilities and grounds shall be established. The purpose of this policy is to reduce harm from tobacco use and secondhand smoke, provide an environment that encourages persons to be tobacco-free, reduce health insurance and health care costs, and promote a culture of wellness.

Policy

The Town of China, Maine is a tobacco-free campus. This policy applies to employees, customers, contractors, vendors and visitors. The use of tobacco, e-cigarettes, vapor pens and all smoking products are not permitted on any town-owned property, which includes but is not limited to buildings, grounds, parking areas, walkways, recreational and sporting facilities and town-owned vehicles and personal vehicles parked on town grounds.

Definition

Tobacco use includes the possession of any lighted tobacco products, or the use of any type of smokeless tobacco, vapor pens, e-cigarettes, or other such devices.

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.

Responsibilities

It is the shared responsibility of all members of the China, Maine community to respect and abide by this policy.

The Town of China, Maine will provide access to tobacco cessation resources to employees.

Implementation

The successful implementation of this policy depends on the courtesy and cooperation of the entire China, Maine community.

Appropriate signage will be posted in town facilities, on the Town of China, Maine website and elsewhere to inform employees, contractors, members of the China, Maine community and visitors of the Tobacco-Free Policy.

The policy will be communicated in appropriate municipal publications.

This amended policy came into effective on January 4, 2021. Compliance with this policy is expected.

If an individual has a difficult time complying with this policy, he/she should talk to a supervisor to access resources for stopping tobacco use.

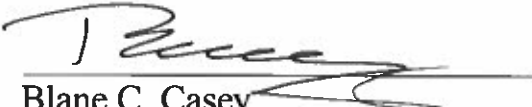
Resources


Maine Tobacco Help Line (1-800-207-1230)

The Town of China, Maine appreciates your compliance with this policy for the benefit of everyone.

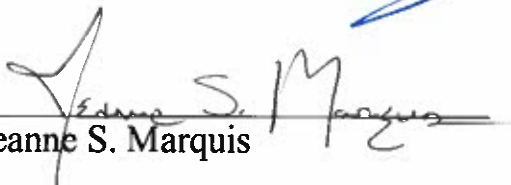
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Given under our hands this 2nd day of January 2024.


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