

# Town of Thurston Smoking Policy

## Purpose:

The purpose of this smoking policy is to promote a healthy and safe environment for all residents, visitors, and employees of the Town of Thurston. This policy aligns with the laws and regulations set forth by the State of New York (NYS) and Federal regulations regarding smoking in public spaces.

## Policy Statement:

1. Smoking is prohibited in all indoor areas owned, leased, or operated by the Town of Thurston, including but not limited to:

- Town Hall
- Recreational facilities
- Public transportation vehicles
- Municipal vehicles

2. Smoking is prohibited within a 25-foot radius of any entrance, exit, or ventilation intake of Town-owned buildings and facilities, as required by NYS and Federal laws.

3. Smoking is also prohibited in all outdoor areas where Town-sponsored events are taking place, such as festivals, concerts, and public gatherings.

4. Designated smoking areas may be established in outdoor spaces of Town-owned properties, provided they are located at least 25 feet away from any building entrance or exit and are properly marked with signage.

5. All Town-owned vehicles are smoke-free environments. Smoking is strictly prohibited inside any municipal vehicle, including but not limited to cars, trucks, and equipment.

6. Electronic cigarettes, vape pens, and other electronic smoking devices are included in this policy and are subject to the same restrictions as traditional tobacco products.

7. The Town of Thurston encourages all residents, visitors, and employees to support a healthy lifestyle by refraining from smoking and using tobacco products while on Town property.

### Enforcement:

Enforcement of this smoking policy is the responsibility of all Town employees and officials. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action in accordance with applicable Town policies and procedures.

### Notification:

This smoking policy shall be communicated to all Town employees upon hire and to the public through signage posted in prominent areas of Town-owned buildings and facilities. Additionally, the policy shall be made available on the Town's official website and in employee handbooks.

### Review and Revision:

This smoking policy shall be reviewed annually by the Town Board to ensure compliance with NYS and Federal laws and to assess the effectiveness of the policy in promoting a healthy environment. Amendments to the policy may be made as necessary to reflect changes in legislation or community needs.

### Adoption:

This smoking policy for the Town of Thurston was adopted by the Town Board on [insert date], and it shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

This policy shall serve as a guideline for promoting a healthy and smoke-free environment within the Town of Thurston while complying with NYS and Federal laws regarding smoking in public spaces.

## 15. Resolution

Motion to Approve:

Second to Motion:

Roll Call:

Michael Volino \_\_\_\_\_

Holly Chase \_\_\_\_\_

Noel Sylvester \_\_\_\_\_

Dan Gee \_\_\_\_\_

Jen Hargrave \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted on 2/21/2024 by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote of the governing board of the Town of Thurston.