



Summary of Proposed Jefferson Board of Health Change to the Clean Indoor Air Ordinance

The Jefferson County Board of Health is considering a proposed ordinance to repeal and replace the county's Clean Indoor Air Act (Chapter 8.60) with Smoking and Vaping in Public Places, Places of Employment, and Outdoor Places where Children Congregate. This ordinance change will prohibit vaping in public spaces similarly to existing prohibitions on smoking in public places.

The proposed ordinance change:

- Prohibits vaping of any substances in any indoor public place and in any place of employment where smoking is already prohibited under existing laws. Vaping is also prohibited within 25 feet of doors, windows, and ventilation intakes of such buildings. Places of employment also includes outdoor work areas for employees.
- Allows tasting of vapor products, allowed in licensed vapor product retail outlets where entry is restricted to those 18 and older, and restricted to 21 and older after January 1, 2020, per Washington State Law.
- Prohibits smoking and vaping outdoor on the property of schools and childcare facilities and on playgrounds, and outdoor public place where children congregate, including, but not limited to: real property under the control of childcare facilities or schools, playgrounds, parks, beaches, athletic fields and stadiums.
- Requires "No Vaping" signs at each entrance to a public building. These signs may be combined with the "No Smoking" signs already required under state law. Also requires "No Smoking" and "No Vaping" signs at appropriate locations in outdoor public places where smoking and vaping is prohibited.
- Authorizes notifications, inspections, and enforcement by the Jefferson County Health Officer and Public Health Department according to existing practices. Compliance activities will focus on education and warnings with an opportunity to correct a violation prior to other enforcement actions which may include monetary penalties.

Jefferson County's Clean Indoor Air Act was adopted in 2006 to protect public health and allow local enforcement of the state's Smoking in Public Places law ([Chapter 70.160 RCW](#)) after voter approval of Initiative 901 in 2005.

The proposed change to prohibit vaping in public places conforms with the state's Vapor Products Law ([Chapter 70.345 RCW](#)). The Vapor Products Law regulates the sales and promotion of vapor products, prohibits vaping in certain public places where children congregate, and allows counties to further regulate the use of vapor products in indoor public places and outdoor public places where children congregate.

The proposed Article is also supplemented by federal laws and regulations of the Food & Drug Administration that apply to tobacco products, including electronic nicotine delivery systems.