

RESOLUTION 06-26-14-02
**PROHIBITING THE USE OF CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS,
ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS ON
JOHNSON COUNTY PROPERTIES**

Whereas, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors has custody or control of certain county property and has previously passed Resolution 09-05-91-02, designating smoking areas in county buildings in general, Resolution 08-26-04-01, prohibiting smoking or the use of smokeless tobacco products within the vehicles or on the real property used by Johnson County Public Health Resolution 12-14-06-01, prohibiting tobacco use on Johnson County properties, and Resolution 04-12-07-01, prohibiting tobacco use on Johnson County properties and providing exceptions; and

Whereas, since the Board's last resolution related to tobacco use on Johnson County property, the Smokefree Air Act was adopted by the Iowa Legislature prohibiting smoking from certain public places, as defined therein; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors believes that since the Smokefree Air Act was adopted the use of alternative nicotine products and vapor products has become more abundant and their use on Johnson County properties would undermine the intent and Johnson County's effective enforcement of the Smokefree Air Act on Johnson County properties, along with the Johnson County's longstanding prohibition of tobacco use on most Johnson County properties; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors wishes to adopt a resolution prohibiting use of cigarettes, tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and vapor products on or inside certain property owned by Johnson County and under the custody or control of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, as follows:

1. Johnson County is dedicated to providing a healthy, sanitary, comfortable, and productive work environment for county employees and members of the public. Accordingly, except as otherwise set out herein, the use of cigarettes, tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and/or vapor products shall be prohibited in all public buildings, on the grounds of all public buildings and in all vehicles owned, leased, or operated by or under the control of Johnson County. This policy applies to all persons on applicable Johnson County property. Copies of this policy shall be made available to the public and all employees, and appropriate signage shall be posted as deemed appropriate by the Board of Supervisors.
2. The terms cigarettes, tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and vapor products shall have the same meanings as the meanings of those terms found in Iowa Code Section 453A.1.

3. It is the intent of the Board of Supervisors that, by this resolution, the use of cigarettes, tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and/or vapor products shall be prohibited in any area controlled by the Board of Supervisors at or within which smoking would be prohibited by the Smokefree Air Act, currently adopted as Iowa Code Chapter 142D.

4. Those employees who use cigarettes, tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products and would like to take this opportunity to stop using said products are encouraged to participate in the cessation programs offered by the Johnson County Public Health County Employee Wellness program or the Synchrony Employee Assistance program.

5. The success of this policy will depend on the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of cigarette-, tobacco product-, alternative nicotine product-, vapor product-users as well as persons who do not use these products. As such, all employees share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this policy.

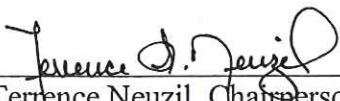
6. All previous resolutions related to smoking areas or tobacco use in all Johnson County buildings and facilities or on Johnson County property are hereby repealed.


It was moved by Rettig and seconded by Sullivan the Resolution be adopted this 26th day of June, 2014.

Roll Call

Etheredge Nay Harney Aye Neuzil Nay Rettig Aye Sullivan Aye

ATTEST:


Terrence Neuzil, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors


Travis Weipert, Auditor
Johnson County, Iowa