

4.1 The penalty for violating this regulation shall be \$25.00 for the first offense and \$50.00 for subsequent offenses within a two-year period of the first violation.

4.2 Any police officer may enforce the penalty of this regulation.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its passage.

INTRODUCED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEW CARROLLTON, MARYLAND ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON APRIL 3, 2024.

EFFECTIVE DATE: APRIL 23, 2024

Attest:



Araceli Guzman-Benitez
City Clerk

City of New Carrollton



Briana Urbina
Chair City Council

Date: 4/3/2024

Approved for legal sufficiency:

Jason Deloach, Esq.
City Attorney

Approved:



Katrina Dodro
Mayor

Date: 4/3/2024



Ordinance 24-04
Prohibiting Smoking in Public Places
Effective: April 3, 2024.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON, PROHIBITING SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of New Carrollton recognizes the well-documented health risks associated with exposure to secondhand smoke, including an increased risk of lung cancer, heart disease, and respiratory diseases; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General has concluded that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, breathing even a little secondhand smoke can be harmful to your health; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke within the City of New Carrollton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

1.1 "Public Park" means and includes city-owned parks, public squares, ball diamonds, soccer fields, and other recreation areas.

1.2 "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted and heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product or narcotic intended for inhalation, including hookahs and marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form.

1.3 "Vaping" means the act of using an electronic smoking device that creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manor or any form, or the use of any oral smoking device.

SECTION 2. PROHIBITION OF SMOKING AND VAPING IN PUBLIC PLACES

2.1 Smoking and vaping shall be prohibited in all public parks within the City of New Carrollton.

SECTION 3. POSTING OF SIGNS

3.1 Every public place where smoking is prohibited by this ordinance shall have posted at every entrance a conspicuous sign clearly stating that smoking is prohibited.

SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES