



TOWN OF READFIELD

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Town of Readfield Tobacco-Free Policy

The Town of Readfield is dedicated to providing our residents and visitors with a safe and healthy environment at all of our municipal properties, buildings, and recreational areas. While prohibitions have existed in some areas in the past, this new and comprehensive prohibition is effective September 1, 2020.

The Town of Readfield recognizes that smoking and the use of tobacco products is detrimental to the health and safety of everyone who uses them. The Town of Readfield supports an environment where nobody is exposed to the harmful effects of secondhand smoke and everyone is supported in efforts to live tobacco-free. Therefore, the Town of Readfield has adopted a 100% tobacco-free property policy, that exceeds state law (22 M.R.S.A. § 1580-A).

This policy prohibits all smoking and the use of all tobacco 24 hours a day, 365 days a year at all Town of Readfield owned buildings and properties including but not limited to:

- The Town Office and property
- The Town Library and property
- The Town Fire Station and property
- The Town Transfer Station and property
- The Town Beach
- The Town Fairgrounds
- The Torsey Pond Nature Preserve
- The Town Forest
- At all Town of Readfield permitted or sanctioned events – both indoors and outdoors when on Town of Readfield property.
- In all Town of Readfield owned, leased or rented vehicles.

This smoke and tobacco-free policy applies to all people utilizing Town of Readfield space, including organizers of, and attendees at, public events, including but not limited to, athletic events, concerts, productions, conferences, meetings, lectures, social events and/or cultural events using Town of Readfield owned, leased and affiliated property.

DEFINITIONS

A. “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.

B. "Tobacco" is defined as all tobacco-derived or containing products, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, cigarillos, bidis, kreteks; all smokeless and dissolvable tobacco products, including but not limited to, dip, spit/spit-less, chew, snuff, snus and nasal tobacco; and any product intended to mimic tobacco, containing tobacco flavoring or delivering nicotine, including but not limited to, electronic nicotine delivery systems, e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-hookahs, vape pen or any other product name or descriptor. Or the use of any other type of tobacco or nicotine product for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of tobacco in this policy. This does not include products specifically approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the purpose of cessation or nicotine replacement therapy.

PROCEDURES

This policy will be communicated through tobacco-free signs posted at property entrances and throughout the facility, through employee education, including being written into training manuals and new employee orientation. Everyone is required to comply with the Town of Readfield's tobacco-free policy.

Enforcement procedures are as follows: Everyone is responsible for following and helping to enforce the policy. Problems should be brought to the attention of the Town Manager. Violations of this policy will be handled through the established legal and disciplinary procedures.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, _____

Bruce Bourgoine, Select Board Chair

Dennis Price, Select Board Vice Chair

Ralph Eno, Select Board

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Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Select Board