



City of Meriden – City Code
Chapter 153
PEACE & GOOD ORDER

Article IV

Prohibition on Smoking and the use of Tobacco Products around Municipal Buildings

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§153-15. Definitions.

As used in the Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

MUNICIPAL BUILDING – Any building or structure owned or leased by the City of Meriden.

SMOKING – Shall mean inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, 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.

TOBACCO PRODUCT –

- A. Any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, heated, chewed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff, snus; and
- B. Any electronic device that delivers nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to an electronic cigarette, cigar, pipe, or hookah.
- C. Notwithstanding any provision of subsections (a) and (b) to the contrary, “tobacco product” includes any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product, whether or not sold separately.

§153-16. Use of Tobacco Products prohibited around municipal buildings. Exceptions.

- a. No person shall smoke or use any tobacco product within 25 feet of doors, windows, and air intakes surrounding municipal buildings.
- b. The Hunter Memorial Golf Course is excluded from this ordinance.

§153-17. Posting of Signs.

Every municipal building shall have at least one conspicuously displayed sign stating that smoking and the use of tobacco products are prohibited. Such signs must have appropriate text and/or graphics to clearly indicate that smoking and the use of tobacco products are prohibited and include the appropriate City of Meriden ordinance citation. Such signs shall be posted in a quantity and manner reasonably like to inform individuals occupying the area that tobacco use is prohibited with the area.

§153-18. Designation of Smoking/Tobacco Use area.

A designated smoking/tobacco use area may be identified surrounding the municipal building for employees, volunteers, customers, vendors, clients, consultants, contractors and all other visitors. A person smoking or using tobacco products in the designed area shall not be subject to a penalty.

§153-19. Enforcement.

The provisions of this Chapter shall be enforced by citation. The following persons have authority to issue citations for violations pursuant to this Chapter: City of Meriden Police Officer.

§153-20. Violation.

A warning shall be issued for a first offense. The citation amount for a second offense shall be \$25. The citation amount for a third offense shall be \$50. The citation amount for the fourth or more offenses shall be \$99. Such citation shall be on a form as prescribed by the City of Meriden.

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