

**TOWN OF HAMILTON  
REGULATION PROHIBITING TOBACCO PRODUCTS in SCHOOLS**

**SECTION 1 – PURPOSE**

The purpose of this regulation is to protect the health of the students and employees in the schools in the Town of Hamilton.

**SECTION 2 – DEFINITIONS**

As used in this regulation, the following words shall have the following meanings, unless the context requires otherwise:

School: an institution or facility intended to provide for the education of students.

Student(s): a person attending an educational institution or facility.

Tobacco product: a product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted sniffed or ingested by any other means including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff, electronic cigarettes, electronic cigars, electronic pipes, electronic nicotine delivery systems, or any other similar products that rely on vaporization or aerosolization; provided, however, that “tobacco product” shall also include any component, part, accessory, or paraphernalia of or related to a tobacco product; and provided further, that “tobacco product” shall not include a product that has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the sale of or use as a tobacco cessation product and is marketed and sold exclusively for the approved purpose.

Terms not defined herein shall be defined as set forth in M.G.L. Ch. 270, §22 and/or 105 CMR 661. To the extent any of the definitions herein conflict with M.G.L. Ch. 270, §22 and 105 CMR 661, the definition contained in this regulation shall control.

**SECTION 3 – TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED**

The possession or use of tobacco products is hereby prohibited within school buildings or facilities or on school grounds or buses or in connection with any school-sponsored activity regardless of the physical location of the property.

**SECTION 4 – ENFORCEMENT**

(1) It shall be the responsibility of the school to provide a tobacco-free environment.

(2) Violations of this regulation shall be penalized as follows:

- a. First Offense – mandatory attendance at, and successful completion of, tobacco product education classes, including a smoking cessation program, or a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100), as determined by the Enforcement Authority.
- b. Second Offense – a fine of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200)
- c. Third and Each Succeeding Offense – a fine of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)

(3) The penalty is enforced by following the non-criminal disposition procedure of M.G.L. Ch. 40, § 21D and Chapter XIII of the Town Bylaws.

(4) The Board of Health hereby designates the Hamilton Police Department and the Superintendent or chief administrative officer of the School (or those expressly designated in writing by the Superintendent or chief administrative officer), acting severally, as the Enforcement Authorities for this regulation.

**SECTION 5 – SEVERABILITY**

If any paragraph or provision of this regulation is found to be illegal or against public policy or unconstitutional, it shall not affect the legality of any remaining paragraphs or provisions.

**SECTION 6 – CONFLICT WITH OTHER LAWS OR REGULATIONS**

Nothing in this regulation shall be deemed to amend, restrict, or repeal applicable fire, health, or other regulations.

**SECTION 7 – EFFECTIVE DATE**

This regulation shall be effective as of XXX

REGULATORY AUTHORITY: G.L. c. 71, § 2A; G.L. c. 74, § 58; G.L. c. 111, § 31, G.L. c. 270, § 22(j, m)

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Approved at Board of Health meeting XXX