

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**TOWN OF COVENTRY**

**ORDINANCE No. \_\_\_\_\_**

The Town Council of the Town of Coventry hereby ordains:

A NEW ORDINANCE TITLED, “CHAPTER 223 TOBACCO & NON-TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND THEIR PROHIBITED USE”.

WHEREAS, the Coventry Town Council seeks to promote the general health and well-being of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council seeks to ensure that all persons using town owned/controlled buildings and facilities inclusive of any events related to such building and facilities whether indoors or outside can do so in an environment free from tobacco, cannabis, and other substances in all their various forms, including smoked, inhaled, vaped, chewed, or otherwise consumed by any individual,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town of Coventry Town Council that a new Chapter numbered 223 and titled, “Tobacco & Non-Tobacco Products and their Prohibited Use”, be duly adopted as follows;

§ 223-1 Definitions. The following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**Electronic Smoking Device** means an electronic and/or battery-operated device, the use of which may resemble smoking, that can be used to deliver an inhaled dose of nicotine or other chemically-derived substances. “Electronic Smoking Device” includes any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an electronic cigarette, an electronic cigar, an electronic cigarillo, an electronic pipe, an electronic hookah, or any other product name or descriptor.

**Municipal Activity** means any and all events related to any municipal building and its component departments and functions.

**Municipal Building** means all buildings and facilities, owned, or leased by the town under the Town Council’s control, including outside areas within twenty (20) feet of same but not including areas so designated by the Council.

**Person** means any person or persons including, but not limited to, contract or other workers on municipal buildings, Town employees, and the public at large.

**Use of Tobacco/Cannabis in All of its Various Forms** means the smoking or use of any substance or item which contains tobacco, cannabis, or nicotine products and their other chemically-derived substances, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, or other smoking tobacco or material, or having in one’s possession a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or other substance containing tobacco, including chewing tobacco, E-cigarettes and Vapes and all Electronic Smoking types of Devices.

§ 223-2 Use of tobacco/cannabis prohibited in all of its various forms. Smoking and other uses of tobacco and cannabis products are hereby prohibited in any municipal building and during any municipal activity.

§ 223-3 Penalty. Any person violating this Ordinance may be ejected from such municipal building or municipal activity and may be fined according to the following:

First Offense = \$100.00.

Second Offense = \$250.00.

Third and any additional Offense = \$500.00 for each offense.

Proposed by Councilmember: \_\_\_\_\_

Posted by Town Clerk on: \_\_\_\_\_

First Reading at Council Meeting held on: \_\_\_\_\_

Advertised in Kent County Daily Times on: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hearing date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Joanne Amitrano, Town Clerk

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

**1. This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Honorable Town Council of the Town of Coventry at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2022.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joanne Amitrano, Town Clerk

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Ann M. Dickson, President  
Town Council

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