**Town of \_\_\_
Smoking, Tobacco, and Marijuana Use Policy**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to comply with 18 VSA §§1421, 1742 and 4230a, and to promote the health and wellbeing of town employees, residents, and visitors.

**Findings:** [optional]

The Town of \_\_\_\_\_ finds that, based on determinations and studies by various federal government agencies, including the Surgeon General of the United States, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

* Use of tobacco products is a significant public health hazard
* The CDC is studying the public health impacts of marijuana/cannabis products and has identified a wide range of health effects on the body and brain that may be caused by marijuana/cannabis use
* Use of tobacco and marijuana/cannabis products in a public place poses potential health risks to the public

**Policy:**

Use and disposal of tobacco and marijuana/cannabis products and equipment is prohibited within any town building or vehicle or outdoors on any town-owned or town-leased property, including:

* Town hall
* Town garage
* Transfer station/recycling center
* [list town-owned recreation areas and parks, including beaches, hiking trails, forests]

**Applicability:**

This policy applies to all employees, elected and appointed officials, volunteers, contractors, and visitors.

**Effective Date:** [optional]

[The Selectboard may opt to set a later effective date to allow time for community education, posting of signage, etc.]

**Definitions:** [optional]

Tobacco products refers to any product made fully or in part from the tobacco plant or natural or synthetic material with the intent to simulate tobacco. Examples include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and e-liquid. The definition of tobacco products does not include nicotine delivery systems that are FDA-approved tobacco cessation products, such as nicotine replacement patches, gum, or lozenges.

Marijuana/cannabis products refers to any product made fully or in part from the cannabis plant or natural or synthetic material with the intent to simulate cannabis. Examples include but are not limited to, cannabis leaf, oil, hashish, extract, edibles, or elixir.

Equipment refers to any product or device that is intended to deliver or facilitate delivery of tobacco or marijuana/cannabis products. Examples include but are not limited to pipes, chimneys, vaping pens, JUUL devices, rolling papers, or other devices made for inhaling tobacco or marijuana smoke, nicotine, or other smoke or vapor.

**This policy is adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of 20##, by the [Town] Selectboard.**

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