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CUDAHY E-CIGARETTE ORDINANCE A HUGE STRIDE TOWARD IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH

Breathe easier! The use of electronic/vaping devices in public places is now prohibited where state law currently bans smoking.

Cudahy—The City of Cudahy is joining the nationwide movement to protect the health and well-being of its community against the dangers of e-cigarettes. In Wisconsin, current e-cigarette use among Wisconsin high school students increased 154% between 2014 and 2018. In 2014, just under 8% of Wisconsin high school students were using e-cigarettes. In 2018, that number has skyrocketed to one out of every five students.

“In the past several weeks, Wisconsin had over 12 reported cases of teenagers and young adults being hospitalized with severe lung disease that has been linked to recent vaping. New cases are showing older adults are also becoming ill from vaping,” said Katie Lepak, Health Officer. “This ordinance is extremely timely as we are working to provide education on e-cigarettes and the harm they pose to health.”

As Surgeon General Jerome Adams recently described, any nicotine exposure during brain development can impact learning, memory, and attention. Adolescents are at risk as the human brain continues to develop until age 25.

“The smoke-free ordinance is the result of outstanding work done by the Cudahy Health Department in response to trends noted in collaboration with the Cudahy Police Department and the School District of Cudahy,” stated Mayor Pavlic. Per the ordinance, “It is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Cudahy to prohibit the use of electronic smoking devices in places where smoking is prohibited and to prohibit the possession of electronic smoking devices by minors and on school grounds.”

If you or someone you know are interested in quitting, contact the Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line at 1-800-QUIT NOW (784-8669), or if on Medicaid there is free support provided through the Medicaid Cessation Benefit.

For more information about resources on e-cigarettes and how tobacco is changing:
www.tobaccoischanging.com.

For more information about the ordinance:
<http://www.cudahy-wi.gov/index.php>

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<http://www.cudahy-wi.gov/departments/health>
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