

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HOOD RIVER COUNTY, OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING )  
ALL COUNTY PROPERTY TOBACCO / )  
SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENTS )

RESOLUTION NO. 1904

**WHEREAS**, tobacco related chronic disease costs Oregonians almost \$2.4 billion a year in medical expenses and lost productivity, and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon employers pay up to \$5,500 a year more in health care for employees that smoke, and

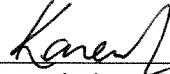
**WHEREAS**, tobacco is the leading preventable cause of premature deaths and disability in the United States

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** HOOD RIVER COUNTY ADOPTS A TOBACCO / SMOKE-FREE POLICY ON ALL COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013



Chairperson Ron Rivers



Commissioner Karen Joplin



Commissioner Maui Meyer

Commissioner Robert Benton



Commissioner Les Perkins

## **Hood River County Administrative Policy**

**Effective Date: June 1, 2013**

### **Tobacco/Smoke Free Facilities and Grounds**

#### Statement of Policy:

It is the policy of Hood River County to ensure a tobacco/smoke-free environment through positive and educational messaging that promotes the long-term health and safety of Hood River County employees and the public.

#### Scope:

This policy applies to all Hood River County employees, volunteers, interns, clients, visitors, and vendors on property owned or occupied by Hood River County.

#### Definitions:

For the purpose of this policy the following definitions shall apply:

Tobacco products: including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, hookah, dip, chew, snuff, snus and any other smokeless tobacco products and nicotine delivery devices, such as electronic cigarettes, excluding FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapy products for the purpose of tobacco cessation.

#### Policy and Procedures:

1. Tobacco/Smoke Free Facilities and Grounds: the use of all tobacco products and the smoking of tobacco or any other substances is not permitted at any time within any interior space of facilities owned or occupied by Hood River County; on all outdoor property or grounds, parks, and natural areas owned or occupied by Hood River County, including parking areas; in private vehicles while on Hood River County properties; and in vehicles owned by Hood River County.
2. Communication of Policy: signs will be used to designate a Hood River County owned or occupied facility as a Tobacco/Smoke Free Property. Signs bearing this message will be clearly posted at the perimeter of the property, at each vehicular and pedestrian entrance, and at other prominent locations. Each building owned or occupied will display a decal that states Tobacco/Smoke Free Property at each entrance or exit. Any additional language on these signs should promote the success of the policy through education and be delivered in a positive tone. The Tobacco/Smoke Free policy applies at all facilities and grounds owned or occupied by Hood River County regardless of whether or not signs are posted.

3. Tobacco Cessation Support: Hood River County is committed to providing tobacco cessation support to all Hood River County employees who wish to stop using tobacco products. Cessation resource information will be provided to any employee who expresses an interest in seeking help to stop using tobacco products. Hood River County volunteers, contractors, clients and visitors may be referred to the Oregon Tobacco Quit Line (1.800.QUIT.NOW [English] or 1.877.2NO.FUME [Spanish]), which is a free tobacco cessation resource.
4. Success of Policy: The success of this policy is the shared responsibility of all Hood River County personnel. Employees are provided with materials to help communicate this policy to co-workers, volunteers, contractors, clients and visitors with courtesy, respect and diplomacy.  
If issues arise with successfully implementing this policy, an employee should notify a supervisor or other manager/administrator.

Approved by the Hood River County Board of Commissioners on

May 20, 2013