Sheffield Public Library

Tobacco Free/Nicotine Free Policy

FACT AND PURPOSE:

Sheffield Public Library finds that:

1. Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death in the United States.
2. Nonsmokers exposed to secondhand smoke are more likely to develop heart disease, lung cancer and stroke.
3. Inhaling e-cigarette aerosol directly from the device or from secondhand aerosol is potentially

harmful to one’s health.

1. Tobacco products (extends to all types of tobacco, nicotine and electronic smoking device (ESD) products), once consumed in public spaces, are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses and diminish the beauty of the outdoor ground.
2. The prohibition of tobacco and nicotine use at all times will serve to protect the health safety and welfare of staff and visitors.

POLICY:

Smoking on Sheffield Public Library property, at any time by anyone, is strictly prohibited.

The ban includes any tobacco-like products (examples include but are not limited to cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, pipes, snus etc.) This includes any emerging tobacco product or simulated smoking devices.

Iowa Code 153.4(7) states that smoking is not regulated inside private vehicles.

DEFINITION OF SMOKING:

1. Inhaling, exhaling, breathing or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe or other similar tobacco product or plant product in any manner or any form.
2. Use of an electronic cigarette: Any electronic device that provides a vapor of liquid nicotine and/or other substances to the user as she or he simulates smoking. The term shall include such devices whether they are manufactured or referred to as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e- pipes or under any product name.

The policy complies with the Iowa Smoke Free Air Act in the Iowa Code.

Everyone is responsible to comply with and enforce this policy.