

Board of Health Resolution

Whereas, electronic cigarette use in public places has been shown to have adverse health consequences on non-users and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, almost one-third of adverse-event reports for electronic cigarettes are related to secondhand exposure, and

Whereas, electronic cigarettes have been found to have levels of nicotine, formaldehyde, acrolein and ultrafine particulates comparable with conventional cigarettes and

Whereas more than 350 cities and counties across America and 10 in Kentucky have already included electronic cigarettes in laws prohibiting smoking in public places and

Whereas hookah smoking emits dangerous levels of fine particle air pollution and carbon monoxide from the heat source and

Whereas, both national and local air quality studies in hookah lounges have found levels of aerosolized respirable particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) directly comparable to those in establishments that allow cigarette smoking which far exceed the ambient air quality standards established by the EPA.

Therefore, the Louisville Metro Board of Health urges the Louisville Metro Council to amend the current Louisville Metro Smoke Free Law (Lou. Metro Am. Ord. No. 1-2008, approved 1-11-2008) to include prohibiting the use of electronic cigarettes and hookah products in public places.