

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH TONAWANDA REGULATING SMOKING ON CITY HALL GROUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, tobacco related illness is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, exposure to secondhand smoke causes death and many diseases including cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Surgeon General concluded in a 2004 report that smoking has a direct relationship with various forms of cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Surgeon General concluded in a 2010 report that even occasional secondhand smoke is harmful; and

**WHEREAS**, smoke free workplace laws protect people from secondhand smoke, reduce tobacco use overall and reduce health care cost.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, pursuant to Chapter 79A SMOKING of the North Tonawanda, City code, the City Council of the City of North Tonawanda does hereby declare the following:

1. Smoking a cigarette, pipe, cigar, electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, vape pen, any cartridge or other component of the device or related project or any other matter of substance which contains tobacco, nicotine, any illegal substance or any other substance that is similar shall be prohibited as follows:

A. At all times on the grounds of North Tonawanda City Hall which is located at 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York 14120, with the following exceptions:

1) Any private owned vehicle that is not on City Hall property for City services.

B. “No Smoking” signs shall be placed on the property entrance at an appropriate location on the exterior of the building.

C. Penalties for offenses

1) Smoking of tobacco, nicotine and other similar products shall be unlawful in the areas posted as stated in this Chapter.

2) A violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$250 for each offense or imprisonment for not more than 15 days for each offense, or both fine and imprisonment.

D. Severability

1) The several terms and provisions of this section shall be deemed severable, and if any provision hereof or the application hereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the section and the applicability of such provisions to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

E. When Effective

1) This ordinance shall become effective on the day after publication in the official newspaper of the City of North Tonawanda.