

**List of Reported Recent Local Government Regulations Specifically Prohibiting the Use of E-Cigarettes  
in Government Buildings, Grounds, and / or Public Places**

There are currently seven counties and three municipalities (ten total) that the Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch is aware of that specifically include e-cigarettes in their local government regulations prohibiting smoking and or the use of tobacco products. These regulations range from tobacco-free county buildings, including e-cigarettes in Beaufort County to 100% tobacco-free government buildings, vehicles and grounds, including e-cigarettes in Catawba County and the Town of Catawba. Even more counties and municipalities (nine total) have requested technical assistance on model language to amend their existing smoke-free and tobacco-free regulations to specifically prohibit the use of e-cigarettes. The increase in requests for technical assistance on regulating the use of e-cigarettes is largely due to reported use of these newly emerging products in places like courtrooms, libraries and other government spaces where smoking and/or tobacco use is already prohibited. There are also concerns about the health effects of toxicant exposure of e-cigarette aerosol to children and adolescents, pregnant women, and non-users.

<b>Regulations Adopted : 10 (In chronological order)</b>	
<b>County / Municipality</b>	<b>Regulation</b>
Catawba County	<p><b>Effective: March 1, 2013; Revised February 11, 2014.</b>  <b>SMOKING AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS PROHIBITED</b>            Smoking or using any cigarette, electronic cigarette, cigar, pipe or any other tobacco product is prohibited at all times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In any building, facility, or vehicle owned, leased or rented (when County is Lessor), or chartered by Catawba County or any of its departments; and</li> <li>• On any grounds or property, including parking lots, owned, leased or rented (when County is Lessor), or chartered by Catawba County or any of its departments.</li> <li>• While on County property.</li> </ul>
Beaufort County	<p><b>Adopted October 2013.</b> County ordinance prohibits use of e-cigs in county buildings. Tobacco use is prohibited in county buildings, vehicles and grounds within 50 feet. Ordinance was amended so that e-cigs could still be used in vehicles and on government grounds.</p>
New Hanover County	<p><b>Adopted November 2013.</b> County ordinance prohibits use of e-cigs in county buildings, vehicles and within 50 feet of entrances to county buildings.</p>
Transylvania County	<p><b>Amended 1993 smoking ordinance in November 2013.</b> Transylvania County amended their SF County Buildings Ordinance to include e-cigs in response to a judge's concern about e-cig use in a courtroom in Brevard.</p>
Chapel Hill (Town)	<p><b>Effective March 2014</b> the use of electronic cigarettes is prohibited <i>by employees</i> in all enclosed Town facilities and Town vehicles by the Town's personnel policy. Complaints about use of e-cigarettes in the county library where smoking is already prohibited prompted the library to prohibit their use by putting up signs. The Chapel Hill library also consulted with the Town Attorney and decided to prohibit e-cig use indoors.</p>

Hyde County	<b>Adopted Mar. 2014.</b> Hyde County ordinance was amended to prohibit smoking and the use of vapor products in county buildings, vehicles and grounds within 25 feet including e-cigs.
Catawba (Town)	<p><b>Effective: April 1, 2014. SMOKING AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS PROHIBITED</b></p> <p>Smoking or using any cigarette, electronic cigarette, cigar, pipe or any other tobacco product is prohibited at all times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In any building, facility, or equipment (includes vehicles and other motorized equipment) owned, leased or rented (when town is Lessor), or any of its departments; and</li> <li>• On any grounds or property, including parking lots, owned, leased or rented (when town is Lessor).</li> </ul>
Pender County	<p><b>Oct. 2013.</b> Pender County Health Director asked BOCC to expand existing Health Dept. tobacco free policy to include e-cigs and within 50 feet of gov. bldgs. The commissioners tabled this and asked that the County Manager establish designated smoking areas for all government buildings and bring this back before the board at the next meeting. The consensus was that they would add e-cigs to the HD tobacco free policy but no formal vote was taken.</p> <p><b>April 2014.</b> Pender County Manager requested specific action from the BOCC to amend their policy to add verbiage pertaining to smoking, using tobacco products and e-cigarettes only in clearly marked County designated smoking areas. Also, to amend the title Section 17. Smoking and Tobacco Use to <u>Smoking, Tobacco Use and E-Cigarette Use</u> of the Pender County Employee Personnel Policies. The request was approved.</p>
Wilmington (City)	<b>Effective July 2014</b> the use of tobacco and tobacco products (including e-cigarettes) by City employees and volunteers is prohibited at all City Facilities / Property while employees / volunteers are performing work for which they are being paid by the City. This is an Administrative Policy.
Rutherford County	<b>July 2014.</b> Personnel policy prohibiting tobacco use includes e-cigarettes and covers county buildings, vehicles and grounds within 50 feet.