

2nd reading

**O-2014-04**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD**  
**PROHIBITING THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS WITHIN 25 FEET OF**  
**TOWNSHIP BUILDINGS**

**WHEREAS**, exposure to environmental tobacco smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death and disease in the United States and poses a substantial health hazard to the nonsmoking majority of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the well-documented, detrimental health effects of exposure to environmental tobacco smoke include lung cancer and coronary heart disease among adults, low birth weight and sudden infant death syndrome from exposure during and after pregnancy, along with other health problems; and

**WHEREAS**, children and senior citizens are particularly susceptible to second hand smoke; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3D-55, 26:3A2-27, and N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, the Township is authorized to pass ordinances to protect public health; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to preserve public health the Committee finds it is in the best interest of the residents of the Township of West Deptford that smoking be prohibited within twenty-five (25) feet of the ingress or egress of any Township owned or leased buildings;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford as follows:

1. Smoke/Smoking means the burning of, inhaling from, exhaling the smoke from, or possession of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or other matter or substance which contains tobacco or any other matter that can be smoked, or the inhaling or exhaling of smoke or vapor from an electronic smoking device.
2. Smoking shall not be permitted within twenty-five (25) feet of the ingress or egress of any Township owned or leased building.
3. Signs shall be placed at the ingress/egress of each Township owned or leased building indicating that smoking is not permitted within twenty-five (25) feet of said ingress/egress. Signs shall contain letters

and/or an international symbol, which contrast in color with the sign, indicating smoking is prohibited. The sign shall also indicate that violators are subject to a fine.

4. Any person found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties:

a. A fine of not less than \$50.00 but not exceeding \$100.00 for the first violation;

b. A fine of not less than \$100.00 but not exceeding \$200.00 for the second violation;

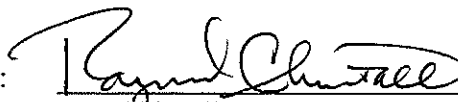
c. A fine of not less than \$200.00 but not exceeding \$500.00 for the third and any subsequent violation.

5. This ordinance shall be enforced by the Chief of Police and/or his/her designees and the Township Health Officer and/or his/her designees.


**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD**

By:

  
Ray Chintall, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
AMY LESO, Township Clerk, RMC

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the foregoing Ordinance of the Township of West Deptford was passed on second reading by the Township Committee at its meeting on March 20, 2014, held at the Municipal Building located at 400 Crown Point Road, Thorofare, New Jersey, after a public hearing was held thereon. Copies of the Ordinance are available for inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.



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AMY LESO, RMC Township Clerk