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CITY OF TAUNTON BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATION PROHIBITING SMOKING IN WORKPLACES and PUBLIC PLACES

SECTION 1

The purpose of this **Board of Health Regulation** is to protect the health of the employees in the **City of Taunton**

SECTION 2

This regulation is promulgated under the authority granted to the **City of Taunton** Board of Health pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 111, Section 31 that "[b]oards of health may make reasonable health regulations." It is also promulgated pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 270, Section 22(2)(j) which states in part that "[n]othing in this section shall permit smoking in an area in which smoking is or may hereafter be prohibited by law including, without limitation: any other law or . . . health . . . regulation. Nothing in this section shall preempt further limitation of smoking by the commonwealth . . . or political subdivision of the commonwealth."

SECTION 3

As used in this regulation, the following words shall have the following meanings, unless the context requires otherwise:

"Employee", an individual or person who performs a service for compensation for an employer at the employer's workplace, including a contract employee, temporary employee, and independent contractor who performs a service in the employer's workplace for more than a *de minimus* amount of time.

"Employer", an individual, person, partnership, association, corporation, trust, organization, school, college, university or other educational institution or other legal entity, whether public, quasi-public, private, or non-profit which uses the services of 1 or more employees at 1 or more workplaces, at any 1 time, including the **City of Taunton**.

"Enclosed", a space bounded by walls, with or without windows or fenestrations, continuous from floor to ceiling and enclosed by 1 or more doors, including but not limited to an office, function room or hallway.

“Smoking” or “smoke”, the lighting of a cigar, cigarette, pipe or other tobacco product or possessing a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or other tobacco or non-tobacco product designed to be combusted and inhaled.

“Smoking bar”, an establishment that primarily is engaged in the retail sale of tobacco products for consumption by customers on the premises and is required by Mass. General Law Ch. 270, §22 to maintain a valid permit to operate a smoking bar issued by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. “Smoking Bar” shall include, but not be limited to, those establishments that are commonly known as “cigar bars” and “hookah bars”.

“Workplace”, an indoor area, structure or facility or a portion thereof, at which 1 or more employees perform a service for compensation for an employer, other enclosed spaces rented to or otherwise used by the public; and where the employer has the right or authority to exercise control over the space.

SECTION 4: SMOKING PROHIBITED

- (1) It shall be the responsibility of the employer to provide a smoke free environment for all employees working in an enclosed workplace.
- (2) Smoking is hereby prohibited in **City of Taunton** in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 270, §22.
- (3) Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 270, §22(j) smoking is also hereby prohibited in the **City of Taunton** in smoking bars.

SECTION 5: ENFORCEMENT

- (1) An owner, manager, or other person in control of a building, vehicle or vessel who violates this section, in a manner other than by smoking in a place where smoking is prohibited, shall be punished by a fine of:
 - (i) \$100 for the first violation;
 - (ii) \$200 for a second violation occurring within 2 years of the date of the first offense; and
 - (iii) \$300 for a third or subsequent violation occurring within 2 years of the second violation.
- (2) Each calendar day on which a violation occurs shall be considered a separate offense.
- (3) This City of Taunton Board of Health Regulation shall be enforced by the Board of Health and its designees.
- (4) Violations of Section 4.2 shall be disposed of by a civil penalty using the non-criminal method of disposition procedures contained in Section 21D of Chapter 40 of

Massachusetts General Law without an enabling ordinance or by-law. The disposition of fines assessed shall be subject to Section 188 of Chapter 111.

- (5) Violations of Section 4.3 may be disposed of by a civil penalty using the non-criminal method of disposition procedures contained in Section 21D of Chapter 40 of Massachusetts General Law.
- (6) If an owner, manager or other person in control of a building, vehicle or vessel violates this City of Taunton Board of Health Regulation repeatedly, demonstrating egregious noncompliance as defined by regulation of the Department of Public Health, the Board of Health may revoke or suspend the license to operate and shall send notice of the revocation or suspension to the Department of Public Health.
- (7) Any person may register a complaint to initiate an investigation and enforcement with the Board of Health, the local inspection department of the equivalent.

SECTION 6: SEVERABILITY

If any paragraph or provision of this **City of Taunton Board of Health Regulation** is found to be illegal or against public policy or unconstitutional, it shall not effect the legality of any remaining paragraphs or provisions.

SECTION 7: CONFLICT WITH OTHER LAWS OR REGULATIONS

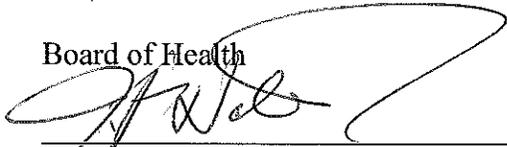
Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4 of this City of Taunton Board of Health Regulation nothing in this City of Taunton Board of Health Regulation shall be deemed to amend or repeal applicable fire, health or other regulations so as to permit smoking in areas where it is prohibited by such fire health or other regulations.

SECTION 8: EFFECTIVE DATE

This **City of Taunton Board of Health Regulation** shall be effective as of MAY 1st, 2013.

Voted April 9, 2013

Board of Health



Chairman



A true copy.
Attest:



City Clerk