

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
ORDINANCE 13-03**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHWEST
ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY FOR THE
CONTROL AND ELIMINATION OF TOBACCO USE
IN AND AROUND BOROUGH-CONTROLLED
FACILITIES, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES**

WHEREAS: tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the United States, including heart disease and cancer; and

WHEREAS: secondhand tobacco smoke exposure is another leading cause of preventable death, and causes disease in healthy nonsmokers, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and cancer; and

WHEREAS: the U.S. Surgeon General determined that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke, and that only completely smoke-free environments can protect health; and

WHEREAS: tobacco-free workplaces protect people from secondhand smoke, reduce overall tobacco use, support healthy lifestyles, model healthy behavior, and support attempts to quit tobacco use; and

WHEREAS: the Assembly has determined that it is in the Borough's best interest to revise Title 2 of the Borough Code to control tobacco use in and around Borough-owned or controlled facilities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED: by the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly as follows:

Section 1: Title 2 of the Borough Code shall be amended to add the following Chapter:

**Chapter 2.76 CONTROL AND ELIMINATION OF
TOBACCO USE**

2.76.010 Findings. The Northwest Arctic Borough is dedicated to providing a healthy, comfortable, and productive work

environment for its employees and the public. The borough recognizes that tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the United States. Secondhand smoke exposure is also a leading cause of preventable disease, and only smoke-free environments can fully protect public health.

2.76.020 Tobacco-Free Facilities. Tobacco use is prohibited within facilities owned, operated, or leased by the borough.

2.76.030 Smoke-free Exits. Smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of entrances, exits, and windows of facilities owned, operated, or leased by the borough.

2.76.040 Signage. The public entrances to all facilities owned, operated, or leased by the borough shall be conspicuously posted with no smoking signs, prohibiting smoking within 25 feet of the entrance to the facility.

Section 2: This is code ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013.

FOR: 

Walter G. Sampson, Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013.



Reggie Joule, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED THIS 26th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013.



Amanda Sage, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

**First Reading: January 29, 2013.
Second Reading: February 26, 2013.**

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