



# Gaston County

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## Board Action Report

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Commissioner Chad Brown - DHHS (Health Division) - To Adopt an Ordinance Approving a Gaston County Health and Human Services Board of Health Rule Prohibiting the Use of Tobacco Products in Local Government Buildings, Local Government Grounds, Local Government Vehicles, Local Government Parks, and Indoor Public Places **(Second Reading)**

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### **BUDGET IMPACT**

N/A

### **BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT**

N/A

### **BACKGROUND**

The Gaston County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Board adopted the Gaston County Board of Health Rule prohibiting the use of tobacco products in local government buildings, local government grounds, local government vehicles, local government parks, and indoor public places on Thursday, April 4, 2019. Pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 153A-77 and G.S. 130A-43, the consolidated Gaston County Health and Human Services Board has the authority to adopt local health regulations; and pursuant to G.S. 130A-43, a consolidated human service board shall have all the powers and duties of a local board of health as provided in G.S. 130A-39. Gaston County DHHS is committed to protecting the health and environment of individuals, children, and employees by eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke, e-cigarette aerosol, and eliminating the amount of litter caused by discarded cigarette butts. G.S. 130A-498 authorizes local governments to adopt and enforce ordinances "that are more restrictive than State law and that apply in local government buildings, on local government grounds, in local vehicles, or in public places."

Upon adoption the Board of Health Rule will be set forth in Chapter 8, Article III, Section 8-101 et. seq. of the Gaston County Code of Ordinances.

**DATE OF INTRODUCTION (First Reading): 4/23/2019**

### **POLICY IMPACT**

N/A

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution and Exhibit A - Board of Health Rule