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**E-Cigarettes Now Included in Moore County Health Department's "Tobacco-Free" Policy**

Last month, the Moore County Board of Health passed a resolution that expands the Moore County Health Department's tobacco-free policy to also prohibit the use of smokeless electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes).

The current policy now states that smoking and the use of tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes, is prohibited in all Moore County Health Department buildings, in department owned vehicles, and on department grounds within 50 feet of any Health Department building.

The new resolution comes in response to current trends in e-cigarette usage and/or "vaping". According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), about 1 in 5 U.S. adult smokers have used electronic cigarettes. Moreover, the \$1.5 billion U.S. electronic cigarette industry tripled its sales in 2013 due in large part to increased marketing ads and sponsorships.

"There is still a great deal we don't know about these products, including their long-term health effects," said Health Director Robert Wittmann. "Allowing the use of e-cigarettes

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on Health Department property would give the appearance that the Department condones smoking or endorses the use of e-cigarettes, but that's simply not the case," he continues. "With this resolution, our Board of Health is taking a proactive approach to promoting the health and well-being of our residents."

For more information, visit the Moore County Health Department website at [www.moorecountync.gov/health](http://www.moorecountync.gov/health). For quitting assistance, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) or visit [www.smokefree.gov](http://www.smokefree.gov). Also, visit [www.BeTobaccoFree.gov](http://www.BeTobaccoFree.gov) for information on quitting and preventing children from using tobacco.

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