

**TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

CC: 29
Amend No. _____

Date Prepared: July 25, 2022
Council Meeting Date: August 1, 2022

TO: Honorable Town Council

FROM: Ewa Dzwierzynski, Councilwoman and Susan Cicilline Buonanno,
President Pro Tem

SUBJECT: Ordinance Amendment – Cannabis use in public

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Town Council read, pass and adopt as a second reading an amendment to Section 46-9 of the Ordinances of the Narragansett Town Ordinances to prohibit cannabis smoking and cannabis use on all Town of Narragansett owned property and at other designated places.

SUMMARY:

This motion would prohibit smoking and use of cannabis in public. The proposed amendments would mirror the current prohibitions of tobacco smoking and use in certain public areas.

The first reading of the proposed ordinance was read, passed, and accepted at the July 18, 2022 Town Council meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Ordinance

TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT

CHAPTER

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 46 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT, RHODE ISLAND ENTITLED “MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES”

It is ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Narragansett as follows:

Section 1: That Chapter 46, Article I entitled “Miscellaneous Offenses”, Section 46-9 entitled “Smoking and use of tobacco products prohibited during youth events held at town athletic and recreational facilities, on all Town of Narragansett owned property and at other designated places” be amended as follows:

Sec. 46-9. – Smoking or vaporizing and use of tobacco and/or cannabis products prohibited during youth events held at town athletic and recreational facilities, on all Town of Narragansett owned property and at other designated public places.

(a) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Athletic or recreational facilities owned or leased by the town means any athletic or recreational facility including, but not limited to, the town beach, any playing field, ball field, basketball court, tennis court, or playground which is owned and operated by the town.

Cannabis Products means products that have been manufactured and contain cannabis or an extract from cannabis, including concentrated forms of cannabis and products composed of cannabis and other ingredients that are intended for use or consumption.

Tobacco Products means any tobacco products containing nicotine or tobacco

Town-owned property means any building, structure, occupied land or vacant land owned or leased by the Town of Narragansett.

Vaporizing means any handheld battery vaporizer or e-cigarette that simulates smoking.

(b) *Smoking or vaporizing.* Smoking or vaporizing and other uses of tobacco products and/or cannabis products are hereby prohibited at any athletic or recreational facility owned or leased by the town during scheduled youth events, as well as the Courtyard at the Towers, on any town-owned property, except in properly designated smoking areas and prohibited at the town beach at all times.

(c) Penalty for violation of section. Any person found violating this section shall be subject to immediate ejection from the athletic or recreational facility or the Courtyard at the Towers and/or be subject to a fine of up to \$100.00.

Section 2: In the event that the Town Council does see fit to pass this type of amendment, Section 46-14 entitled “Violations; Fines” should also be amended as follows:

Section 46-14. – Violations; fines.

46-9	Smoking/Vaporizing/tobacco/cannabis prohibited	\$100.00
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Section 3: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

First reading, read and passed in the Town Council meeting legally assembled the 18th day of July, 2022.

Second reading, read and passed in the Town Council meeting legally assembled the ____ day of August, 2022

ATTEST:

Janet Tarro
Town Clerk