

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON  
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20  
LAKE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Lake County Law Enforcement Center, 613 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota. County Commissioners Present: District 1 Commissioner Peter R. Walsh, District 2 Commissioner Derrick (Rick) L. Goutermont, District 3 Commissioner Richard (Rick) C. Hogenson District 4 Commissioner, Jeremy M. Hurd, District 5 Commissioner Rich Sve. County Commissioners Absent: None. Also present: Acting Clerk of the Board, County Administrator Matthew Huddleston. Also absent: Clerk of the Board Laurel D. Buchanan

At 6:03 p.m., a public hearing was convened on proposed amendments to Lake County Ordinance # 20, Lake County Smoke-free Public Places and Places of Work. Lisa Hanson, Director of Health and Human Services, and Michelle Backes-Fogelberg, Public Health Supervisor, reviewed a summary of the proposed amendments which would:

- 1.) Extend the prohibitions on tobacco use in public and work places to include electronic delivery devices (e-cigarettes);
- 2.) More clearly define what constitutes an "indoor area";
- 3.) Eliminate the exception for tobacco products shops;
- 4.) Provide definitions for terms that were previously defined by statutes or rules that have been repealed; and
- 5.) Update statutory citations.

Commissioners asked questions about e-cigarette usage by our youth, how local businesses felt about proposed amendments and the number of counties and cities that currently have ordinances addressing e -cigarettes. Louise Anderson, Director of the Carlton, Cook, Lake, St. Louis Community Health Board spoke in favor of the amendments. She cited local anecdotal evidence along with regional data supporting the need for regulation of e-cigarettes. There were no other public comments made during the public hearing and no comments were received in writing in advance of the public hearing.

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

Matthew Huddleston  
Acting Clerk of the Board

Rich Sve, Chairperson  
Lake County Board of Commissioners