

# Kittitas County Public Health Department

## Staff Report

### AGENDA DATE:

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### Background:

On June 18, 2009, the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners approved an ordinance to prohibit smoking in public places. On August 18, 2016, an ordinance was approved to amend Chapter 8.24 of the Kittitas County Code to include electronic cigarettes or “vaping” to the Smoking in Public Places ordinance.

On April 6, 2016, KCPHD staff met with the Kittitas County Fair Board and presented information about our grant funded work to help locations interested in going tobacco/vape free. At that meeting, the Fair Board requested to restrict smoking and vaping to designated areas only. The policy would protect public health, safety, and welfare by decreasing exposure to smoke and vape as well as limit garbage and potential fire damage to the Kittitas Valley Event Center (KVEC).

KCPHD, KVEC, and a subcommittee from the Fair Board coordinated to identify designated areas as well as determined a plan to promote the policy change.

Ultimately, it was determined, per the recommendation of the Kittitas County Prosecutor and at a July 24, 2017 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, to make changes to Kittitas County Code 8.24 to include using designated smoking and vaping areas for the Kittitas County Fair event, and allow the Board of County Commissioners to designate other events as smoke and vape free.

### Proposed Changes:

In order to regulate smoking and vaping at the Kittitas County Event Center during Kittitas County Fair and possibly other events as well, an amendment to KCC 8.24 is required. The following section is being proposed as an addition:

8.24.075 Kittitas County Event Center smoking and vaping regulation.

1. No person may smoke and/or use an electronic vaping device in any location operated by the Kittitas County Event Center, unless the location has been clearly identified as a designated smoking and or vaping area, at any time in which the Board of County Commissioners has declared the necessity for such regulation.
2. Designated smoking and/or vaping area regulations shall always be in effect during the Kittitas County Fair and Rodeo and may be invoked at any other event held at the Kittitas County Event Center that is open to the public when a smoking and/or vaping regulation is found to be in the best interest of public health, safety, and welfare.

3. Regulation assessment criteria includes, but is not limited to, enhanced fire protection and control and certain weather conditions that make it difficult to control exposure to non-smokers and/or non-vaping device users.
4. The Board of County Commissioners may invoke the smoking and/or vaping regulation by resolution any time prior to the commencement of any qualifying event.
5. The Kittitas County Event Center shall post signs consistent with this chapter limiting smoking and/or vaping as appropriate under this chapter. Signs shall be posted conspicuously at building entrances and in other prominent locations throughout the Kittitas County Event Center.