

LAPORTE COUNTY ORDINANCE 1996- 1

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SMOKING IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, it has been determined that second-hand smoke is a health hazard; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have determined that it would be in the best interests of the health of its employees and the citizens of LaPorte County, that all LaPorte County public buildings be designated as non-smoking, with no areas designated for smoking; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 16-41-37-9 provides for local ordinances restricting smoking in public buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Articles Ten (Smoking Regulations in Public Buildings), of the LaPorte County Code is hereby repealed.

Section 2. Public buildings shall mean any enclosed structure or that part of an enclosed structure that is occupied or under the control of the LaPorte County government.

Section 3. Smoking shall mean the carrying or holding of any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or other lighted smoking equipment, or the inhalation or exhalation of any smoke from any lighted smoking equipment.

Section 4. A person who smokes in a public building commits a Class C Infraction.

Section 5. There shall be no areas designated for smoking in any public buildings, except:

The private residential areas of the LaPorte County Home.
This exception shall not be interpreted as permitting smoking in the common areas of the County Home.

Section 6. All public buildings shall be posted with conspicuous signs that read "Smoking is Prohibited by LaPorte County Ordinance."

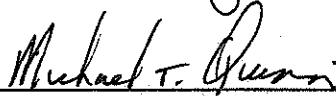
This ordinance shall be in full force and effect beginning the 1st day of March, 1996, and after its enactment and publication as prescribed by law.

Dated this 22 day of January, 1996.

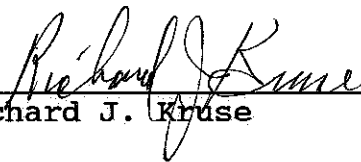
The Board of Commissioners of the County of LaPorte, State of Indiana.



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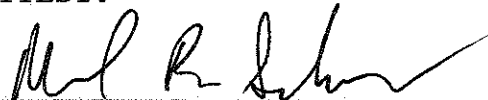


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