

NO SMOKING and No Use of Any Tobacco Products on Township Property

Smoking has been banned in Sylvania Township buildings for years, but that prohibition will spread to all township property beginning Nov. 1, and include the use of any tobacco products.

Sylvania Township trustees in April passed the prohibition, but extended its effective date in order for employees to become adjusted to the policy change.

There will no longer be any designated smoking areas on township property, and employees are also barred from using tobacco products in their own vehicles, if the vehicles are on township property.

The policy was passed because of, "the acknowledged hazards of environmental tobacco smoke, increased medical costs and safety factors."

The aim is for all township property to be tobacco free for all employees and visitors. Visitors will be informed by signs or by their host if they are using tobacco products on township property.

The policy includes the position that the township will not offer employment to tobacco users.

Through the Township's Health Care Program, employees will be offered smoking cessation program or drugs to help them quit smoking.

Susan Wood, assistant township administrator and human relations director, said she has not yet heard any complaints from individual employees or union representatives about the new policy.

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