



City of San Antonio

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In Control: Community Health Committee

DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Amendment to Smoke Free Ordinance

SUMMARY:

The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) will present a briefing on amending the current City of San Antonio Smoke Free Ordinance to add Electronic Smoking Devices, also known as e-cigarettes or vapes to the definition of smoking. This briefing will provide an overview of the public health issues associated with e-cigarettes/vapes and data on the usage of e-cigarettes/vapes among youth and adults.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The briefing will cover the introduction of Electronic Smoking Devices (ESD) devices into the market over the last decade and the movement of cities across Texas and the US to include ESD's (also known as e-cigarettes or vapes) into the definition of smoking within their smoke free policies. The City of San Antonio passed a smoke-free ordinance in 2010, four years prior to the

introduction of ESDs into the market. The current Ordinance does not prohibit e-cigarettes or vaping indoors and therefore does not protect establishment employees or patrons from exposure to the vapor, or secondhand substance that comes from e-cigarettes which contains harmful toxicants. Metro Health will provide trend data on the usage of e-cigarettes/vapes among youth and adults and will present the steps necessary to update the local ordinance to meet modern smoke free standards.

ISSUE:

For briefing purposes only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

ALTERNATIVES:

For briefing purposes only.

RECOMMENDATION:

Metro Health recommends amending the City of San Antonio Smoke Free Ordinance to incorporate Electronic Smoking Devices (ESD's), also known as e-cigarettes or vapes into the definition of smoking.