

Summary of North Carolina Tobacco-Free Ordinances/Board of Health Rules

Strongest local ordinance to-date:

- Town of Boone has prohibited smoking in the following locations:
 - Inside all enclosed areas of every public place.
 - Inside all local government and town buildings.
 - On the following grounds and locations:
 - On all sidewalks in front of any town or other local government building;
 - On every town sidewalk within a six-foot radius of any public entrance;
 - Within a six-foot radius of any public entrance to any town or local government building;
 - Within or on the grounds of any town park or garden,
 - At any other town or local government place or location designated and posted as a “no smoking area;”
 - Within any area designated and posted by the owner or tenant of private property as a no-smoking area;
 - In any local government or Town of Boone vehicle;

Statewide statistics / Interest in local ordinances

- 81 of 100 County Governments have implemented 100% Smoke Free or Tobacco Free Buildings
- Over 200 Local Governments have implemented 100% Smoke Free or Tobacco Free Buildings
- In a 2010 statewide survey, over 200 local government contacts requested additional information or technical assistance regarding local ordinance passage

Durham’s Neighboring Counties/Cities

- Orange – a local coalition just started process of adopting a Tobacco-Free countywide ordinance; the intent is that it will cover buildings, grounds, vehicles, public places, and parks.
- Person – BOH Rule (Smoke-free) applies to interior of all county and municipal buildings & 35’ perimeter around PH and DSS buildings
- Granville/Vance District – BOH Rule (Smoke- free) applies to inside all county and municipal buildings & 50’ perimeter around PH buildings
- Caswell - BOH Rule (Smoke- free) applies to inside all county and municipal buildings
- City of Raleigh has Smoke-free parks – with a two exceptions:
 - Two downtown parks are excluded from this policy
 - Parking lots are not covered

100% Tobacco-Free Parks

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| • Elizabethtown (Bladen Co) | • Cabarrus Co |
| • Hillsborough (Orange Co) | • Graham Co |
| • Belmont (Gaston Co) | • Halifax Co |
| • Wendell (Wake co) | • McDowell Co |
| • Cherryville (Gaston Co) | • Swain Co |
| • Marion (McDowell Co) | • Watauga Co (includes walkways) |
| • Marvin (Union Co) | |

Other

- Durham Tech is considering a 100% Tobacco-Free policy although it has not been proposed yet
- Merlefest Music Festival is a huge outdoor music festival/concert held on Wilkes Community College campus – they are a 100% Tobacco-Free festival (not just smoke-free)
- Buncombe County has BeleChere music festival in downtown Asheville and there is interest to make that annual event become Smoke-free
- 50% of NC Community college campuses are 100% Tobacco-Free; several are moving in that direction with the hopes that all will adopt that gold standard by 2013