

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Downtown Smoke-Free Zone

Question: What will smoke-free expansion enforcement look like?

Smoke-free spaces promote health and well-being for our community. This effort will help the City of Longmont achieve our goals of being clean, safe and vibrant. LDDA will be building educational packets for businesses in the expanded smoke-free zone, posting street signs to educate the public, and relocating disposal receptacles to the alleys and in other locations Downtown. Enforcement will focus on education first. It is our vision that Community Park Rangers, business owners, and the LDDA will work together to remind the public about the new rules. Tickets can be written by Community Park Rangers and Longmont Police Department for violating these new rules. Please note that violating any of the provisions of Ordinance # O-2019-36 is subject to penalties as stated under Section 9.40.060 of the Longmont municipal code. Administrative penalty fines range from \$35 to \$500.

Question: Where can I smoke or vape downtown?

Smoking and vaping is restricted Downtown on Main Street between 1st and Longs Peak Ave, including the Avenues around the corners to the alleys, the breezeways between the alleys and Main St., and Downtown micro plazas (6th Ave. Plaza and St. Stephen's Plaza). Smoking and vaping is also restricted on certain city campuses. The alleys are NOT included in the smoke-free zones. Please find a place that you feel safe and comfortable and that is away from building entrances and public gathering spots. Receptacles are also available Downtown, so please discard all smoking or vaping materials properly.

Question: What can I do as a business owner to help enforce and educate the smoke-free zone?

Business owners can post signs in their Main Street windows and communicate the new rules with all customers and staff. All businesses will be receiving an educational packet with more information.

Question: Who can I call if there is an issue with smoking near my business?

If customers or staff are smoking outside your business or if you receive complaints about secondhand smoke exposure, kindly remind individuals who are smoking or vaping about the new protections and ask them to please find another location that is not in the smoke-free zone. Community Park Rangers will also be Downtown periodically and can help enforce the new smoke-free rule. However, the Rangers and police may not always be available to address smoking or vaping Downtown, so reminders from businesses can be helpful. Our vision is that we work together and help hold each other accountable so we can ensure a smoke and vape-free Downtown. If an issue persists, please contact the Longmont Police Department non-emergency number at (303) 651-8501. If a potential dangerous situation arises over the issue, call 911.

Question: I'm interested in quitting – are there free resources available to me?

The Colorado QuitLine offers free coaching and nicotine replacement therapy to adults in Colorado. Visit www.COquitline.org or call 1.800.Quit.Now for more information.