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ASHLAND COUNTY CLEAN INDOOR AIR ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the smoking of tobacco products and other substances indoors causes recognized adverse effects on not only the individuals smoking but also on others; and

WHEREAS, smoking indoors adversely affects among other things, health, safety, comfort, employees production and building maintenance expenses; and

WHEREAS, while it is difficult to quantify exactly, smoking indoors also drives up employer expenses in terms of increased health insurance premiums, increased sick leave use, increased building maintenance and decreased employee productivity; and

WHEREAS, the Public Property and Law Enforcement Committee has considered the problems caused by smoking indoors and believing it to be in the best interest of Ashland County and its citizens has recommended that the Board of Supervisors of Ashland County adopt the Clean Indoor Air Ordinance set out below.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ASHLAND COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

1. Definition: "Smoking" as the term is used in this Ordinance means the use, possession or holding of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other lighted smoking item or equipment.

2. Regulation of Smoking. No person may smoke at any time in any of the following buildings located in the City of Ashland, Ashland County, Wisconsin:

a. The Ashland County Courthouse, located to 201 West Second Street.

b. The Ashland County Courthouse Annex, located at the intersection of Ellis Avenue and West Third Street.

The entire Ashland County Courthouse building and the entire Ashland County Courthouse Annex building are designated non-smoking areas.

3. Designation. The Public Property and Law Enforcement Committee of the Board of Supervisors of Ashland County or its designee shall post and maintain sign or signs as it deems appropriate, designating the above described buildings as non-smoking areas. The failure to post or maintain a sign or signs as provided for herein shall not constitute negligence as a matter of law and shall not constitute a defense to a charge of violating this ordinance.

4. Penalty. Any person who shall violate the regulation of smoking provision in the Ashland County Clean Indoor Air Ordinance set forth above shall forfeit not more than \$25.

5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication.

6. Publication. Pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 59.09(1), upon passage the County Clerk is directed to immediately publish this Ordinance as a Class I notice under Wis. Stats. Chapter 985 and shall procure and distribute copies of this Ordinance to the

several town clerks, who shall file the same in their respective offices.

Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, this 14th day of August, 1990.

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