



WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS
County Courthouse

October 31, 2014

MEETING OF THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT
COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, November 3, 2014
5:30 p.m.
5th Floor, Northeast Conference Room
Washington County Courthouse

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order.
2. Adoption of Agenda.
3. Report from the Washington County Planning Office.
4. Update from the Lester C. Howick Animal Shelter.
5. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Washington County Code 2.2 Regarding Smoking. This matter was discussed at the last Public Works Committee meeting and is being sponsored by JP Eva Madison. (5.1, 5.2)
6. Other Business.
7. Public Comment.
8. Adjournment.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2014-__

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT
OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON,
STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE
TO BE ENTITLED:**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WASHINGTON
COUNTY CODE 2.2 REGARDING SMOKING.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 96-37, the Quorum Court enacted certain prohibitions regarding smoking; and,

WHEREAS, such is in conflict with the Employee Handbook (April 13, 2000 revision); and,

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court desires to strengthen the County's anti-smoking policy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM
COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:**

ARTICLE 1. Washington County Code Section 2-2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (a) Smoking is prohibited in all buildings owned or building spaces leased by the County government ~~except in the Washington County detention facility wherein inmates are incarcerated.~~
- (b) Smoking will not be permitted in County owned vehicles ~~where there is more than one (1) person present.~~
- (c) Definitions.
 - (1) *County building* means any enclosed, indoor area which is owned, leased, or controlled by the County including, but not limited to, offices or other work areas, restrooms, and rooms in which a public meeting, hearing, or other official proceeding open to the public is in progress.
 - (2) *County vehicle* means any motor vehicle owned or controlled by the County.

- (3) *Smoking* means holding a lighted pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind, or lighting, or emitting or exhaling the smoke of a pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind.
- (d) Signs shall be posted at each public entrance informing both employees and the public that smoking is prohibited.
- (e) The County may provide smoking education and cessation programs during work hours for employees wishing to stop smoking. This is an effort to promote a healthy attitude about the benefits of not smoking.
- (f) No employee who makes a formal complaint regarding smoking or rules governing smoking or nonsmoking shall be subject to discrimination or termination.
- (g) Enforcement. The County judge shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this section.
- (h) Penalty. The violation of any provision of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) and not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), except that an inadvertent first offender may be given a warning. Each day a violation of this section continues shall be a separate offense.

MARILYN EDWARDS, County Judge

DATE

BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk:

Sponsor: _____ Eva Madison _____
Date of Passage: _____
Votes For: _____ Votes Against: _____
Abstention: _____ Absent: _____

47. SMOKING POLICY:

A. Washington County government is dedicated to providing a healthful, comfortable and protective environment for its employees and for citizens that visit county premises.

1. Smoking in county buildings and facilities is prohibited. Smoking will only be permitted outside and in open air buildings. Smoking will not be permitted where it poses a fire hazard.
2. Smoking will not be permitted in County owned vehicles.
(Rev. April 13, 2000)