

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Health will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners Hearing Room, County Administration Building, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA, on April 9, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., for the purpose of considering public comment regarding the proposed Skagit County Code Chapter 12.51 Smoking and Vaping in Public Places ordinance. This ordinance will formally adopt the Washington State Smoking in Public Places Law, RCW 70.160, by reference and to expand the prohibition on smoking to include the use of vapor products in public places, places of employment and certain outdoor places where children congregate in Skagit County.

This Public Hearing provides an opportunity for the public to give comment to the Board of Health. Your views for or against the adoption of the proposed Smoking and Vaping in Public Places ordinance are invited by attendance, representation, or letter.

A public presentation outlining the components of the ordinance will be held on March 12, 2019 at 10:00 am in the Commissioners Hearing Room, County Administration Building, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA for those interested in learning about the ordinance.

Written comments may be submitted online, by mail, or in-person. They must be identified with the subject "Smoking and Vaping in Public Places." Online comments can be posted at <https://www.skagitcounty.net/health>, emailed to julied@co.skagit.wa.us or mailed/delivered to: 700 South Second Street, Mount Vernon, WA 98273-1071. All written comments must be received by April 9, 2019.

For citizens with special needs, the Commissioners Hearing Room (or Public Hearing Room) is accessible. Persons with special needs or disabilities are asked to call the Commissioner's Office at (360) 416-1300 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange for any needed accommodations.

Additional information regarding this proposal can be obtained through Julie de Losada, Public Health, 700 South Second Street #301, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, (360) 416-1559.

NOTICE GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH this 12th day of March, 2019.

Clerk of the Board

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