

Indoor vaping ban approved in Hiawatha

**(KNZA)--The Hiawatha City Commission has approved an indoor vaping ban.**

**The Commission Monday evening approved an ordinance that prohibits the use of electronic cigarettes in enclosed public places and places of employment within the city.**

**Due to the increase in illnesses linked to vaping, Mayor Bill Collin said he thinks its something that needs to be addressed.**

**City Attorney Andy Delaney said the ordinance mimics the Kansas Indoor Clean Air Act, which prohibits smoking within enclosed areas.**

**The new ordinance prohibits the use of electronic cigarettes in bars, restaurants, retail service establishments, retail stores and other indoor public places within the city.**

**Private residences, except those used as a state licensed child care, adult day care or health care facility would be exempt. Also E-cigarette shops are exempt.**

**Violation of the ordinance would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of at least \$50 for the first violation, at least \$100 for a second violation and at least \$200 for a third or subsequent violation.**

**The ordinance will be enforced by the Hiawatha Fire and Police Departments.**

**It will take effect following publication in the Hiawatha World.**

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