

# Chatham County Tobacco-Free Policy

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**Background**



- Administrative Policy
- Approved by the County Manager in 2015
- Went into effect March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016
- Expanded from 50-foot rule to cover all county grounds, including parks
- Includes e-cigarettes

# Chatham County

- Town of Siler City Tobacco-Free Ordinance
- Chatham County Comprehensive Plan
- Chatham County Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Siler City Master Parks and Recreation Plan
- Pittsboro Master Parks and Recreation Plan

*...all include tobacco policy recommendations.*

# Rationale

- Three-year anniversary
- Well-received among employees and visitors
- Very few compliance issues
- Model for other counties and local municipalities
- Sets a positive example for youth
- Protects visitors and employees from secondhand smoke
- Ordinance formalizes policy

## Electronic Cigarette Products and Youth Use

- Over 1,000 hospitalized and 18 deaths (10/3/2019)
- 2011-2017: Increase 894% among NC high school students
- Chatham County High School students: 46% ever used
- Exposes users and non-users to known cancer-causing chemicals, heavy metals, volatile organic chemicals, nicotine
- Nicotine is highly addictive, affects brain development
- May lead to adult cigarette use and addiction

# Options



# Tobacco-Free Ordinance

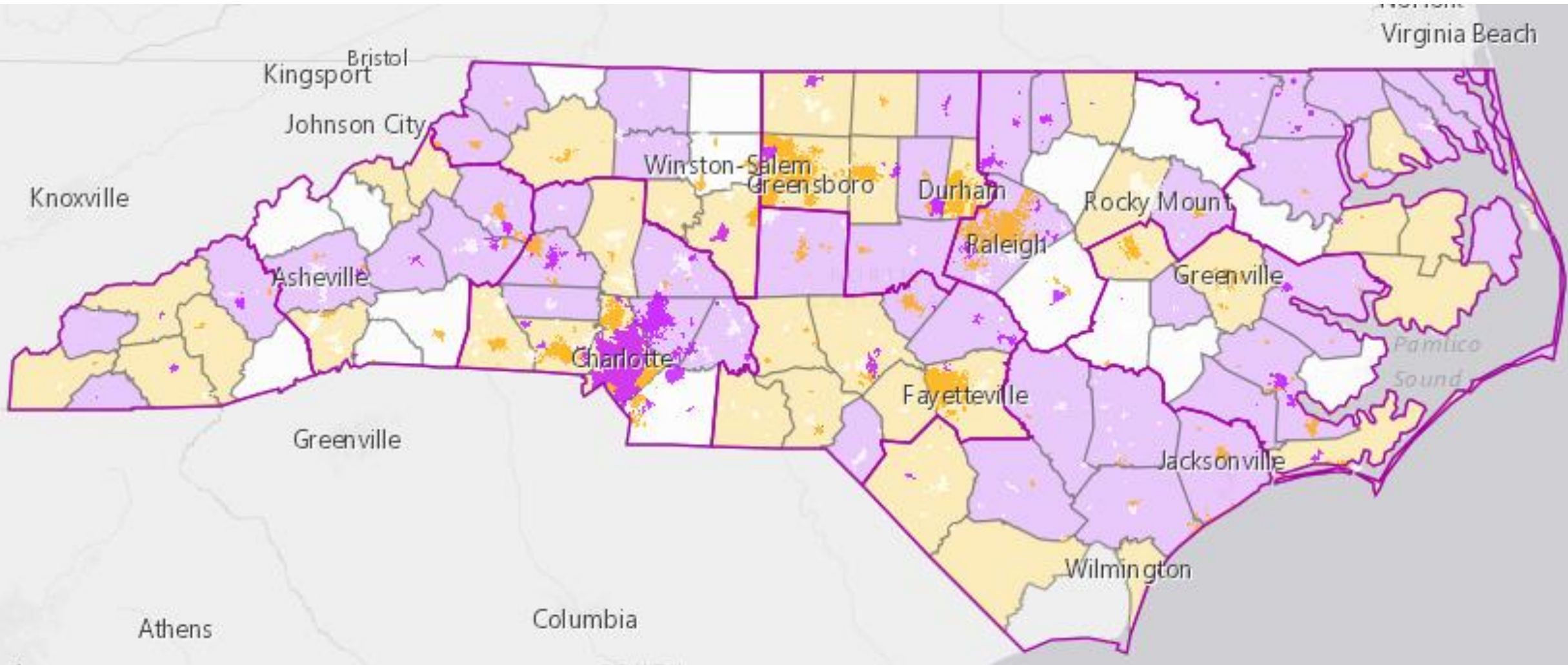
## Board of County Commissioners

- May adopt an ordinance that applies to unincorporated areas
- If city agrees, ordinance may apply within incorporated areas



**Other Counties**

# Smoke Free and Tobacco Free Local Government Policies (June 2019)



# NORTH CAROLINA COUNTYWIDE 100% TOBACCO-FREE OR SMOKE-FREE WRITTEN REGULATIONS

**LEGEND:**

100% Tobacco Free Policy



100% Smoke Free Policy

No Written Regulation or Less  
than 100% Written  
Regulation

		Local Health Dept. Region	Government Buildings	Government Vehicles	Government Grounds	Gov't-Owned Parks Only	Recreation Areas	Public Places
CASWELL	5							
CATAWBA	4							
CHATHAM	5							
DURHAM	5							
GRANVILLE	7							
LEE	6							
ORANGE	5							
RANDOLPH	6							
VANCE	7							
WAKE	7							
<b>TOTAL # OF PLACES STATEWIDE</b>		84	63	22	29	33	2	

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	County		Local Health Dept. Region	Gov't Buildings	Gov't Vehicles	Gov't Grounds	Gov't-Owned Parks Only	Recreation Areas	Public Places
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Pittsboro	CHATHAM	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Siler City	CHATHAM	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Carrboro	ORANGE	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chapel Hill	ORANGE	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hillsborough	ORANGE	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cary	WAKE	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTAL # OF PLACES STATEWIDE</b>			228	151	69	96	94	12	

**Next Steps**