

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: 20 September 2006

SUBJECT: Tobacco use policy for Human Services Building

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Boards of Public Health and of Social Services have requested that this Board adopt a policy prohibiting any tobacco use in and near the new Human Services Building.

- 1) The Board of Public Health recommends a policy that would make all of the building and all of the grounds of the Human Services Building tobacco-free, but understands the requirements of North Carolina law, stated in bullet number 3), below.
- 2) The Board of Social Services recommends the most restrictive tobacco policy allowed by law.
- 3) Article 64 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes allows a building housing either a local health department or a local department of social services, plus all the grounds within fifty (50) linear feet of such building, to be declared a “nonsmoking area”. The grounds outside the fifty-foot perimeter may not be regulated.
- 4) Under these Statutes, any person smoking in a declared “nonsmoking area” would be guilty of an infraction, and be subject to a \$25.00 fine. In addition, a County employee violating this restriction would be subject to discipline.
- 5) Staff recommends that all the interior of the Human Services Building and all the area within fifty (50) linear feet of the building be declared and demarked as a “nonsmoking area”.

County staff will be present and prepared if requested to give further information on this matter.

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION:

If the Board is so inclined, the following motion is suggested:

I move that the entire Human Services Building and all the area within fifty (50) linear feet of the exterior of the Human Services building be a “nonsmoking area” pursuant to Article 64 of Chapter 143 of the North Carolina General Statutes.