

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: February 19, 2014

SUBJECT: Smoking Ordinance Amendments

PRESENTER: Steve Wyatt

ATTACHMENTS: No

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

At the Board's January 6th meeting, following discussion of how to deal with smoking at facilities owned or operated by the County due to citizen complaints, Staff was directed to work on options for further review by the Board.

Several department representatives, including the Library, Recreation, Elections, and King Street Building, met on January 13, 2014 to discuss these considerations. As a follow-up, a survey of departmental leadership was also conducted. While the consensus has generally been to recommend a tobacco-free campus, the County only has authority from the General Assembly to deal with tobacco smoke, not any other aspects of tobacco use.

At this point, all departments are in favor of a smoke free campus, with the exception of EMS and the DSS Board of Directors. No subsequent citizen input has been received one way or the other.

Options:

- I. A total smoking ban on County Government property.
- II. A ban on smoking with the exception of designated areas.
 - a) Smoking could be banned within 50 to 100 feet from any County building.
 - b) Smoking could be limited to designated areas, with smoking areas located away from entrances and general traffic areas, and where people have to gather while doing business with the County or participating in County activities.
- III. Maintain the status quo

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to discuss the request, and to direct Staff accordingly based upon these, or other options.

Suggested Motion(s):

No motion suggested.