

Trenton Free Public Library

No-Smoking/Vaping Policy

The New Jersey Legislature has declared that in all government buildings, the right of nonsmokers to breathe clean air supersedes the rights of smokers. (P. L. 2005, Chapter 383, C.26:3D-55 et seq.)

In accordance with state law, the Trenton Free Public Library has adopted a smoke-free policy for the inside of the building and no employee or patron will be permitted to smoke anywhere in the municipal building.

In regards to the campus of the building, the Board of Trustees of the Trenton Free Public Library has declared the Library's entire campus a "smoke-free campus".

Employees and patrons are not permitted to smoke/vape inside or outside the building at any time.

This policy shall be strictly enforced and any employee found in violation will be subject to disciplinary action. Patrons who are not in compliance will be asked to leave the premises/property.

All offenses shall follow the New Jersey Smoking/Vaping Regulations and therefore reported to the proper authorities.

Furthermore, New Jersey code states that:

"The person having control of an indoor public place or workplace shall order any person smoking in violation of the law to comply. A person, who after being so ordered, continues to smoke will be subject to a fine of not less than \$250 for the first offense, \$500 for the second offense and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense.[vii] The Department of Health and Senior Services or the local board of health or the board, body or officers exercising the functions of the local board of health, upon written complaint or having reason to suspect that an indoor public place or workplace may be in violation, shall, by written notification, advise the person having control of the place accordingly and order appropriate action to be taken.[viii] A person receiving that notice that fails or refuses to comply is subject to a fine of not less than \$250 for the first offense, \$500 for the second offense and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense."

Approved by the Library Board of Trustees June, 2016.