



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
Health Department**

**Date:** November 17, 2014

**To:** HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE

**Subject:** PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND ORDINANCE ON MINNEAPOLIS  
CLEAN INDOOR AIR

**Recommendation:**

Public hearing on amending Title 11, Chapter 234 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation: Indoor Smoking (adopting the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act and broadening the regulation of electronic cigarettes and electronic delivery devices).

**Previous Directives:** Referred to staff from City Council on September 19, 2014.

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**Approved by:**

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Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

**Permanent Review Committee (PRC):** Approval \_\_\_\_ Not Applicable  X   
**Policy Review Group (PRG)** Approval \_\_\_\_ Date of Approval \_\_\_\_ Not Applicable  X

**Presenters in Committee:** Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

**Financial Impact (Check those that apply)**

X  No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

The Minneapolis Code of Ordinances is being amended to reflect the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act, which prohibits cigarette use in virtually all indoor public places and indoor places of employment, and to include e-cigarettes in this prohibition.

In February 2014, the Minneapolis City Council approved inclusion of e-cigarettes in the MCIAA. During the 2014, the state legislature amended the state law to prohibit e-cigarette use in a limited number of settings including: hospitals and clinics, most government-operated buildings (including correctional facilities), all University of Minnesota and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities buildings (including dorms) and daycares. The proposed amendment would adopt the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act and extend the e-cigarette probation to all indoor public places. In June 2014, the Minneapolis Youth Congress recommended this action as a strategy for reducing exposure to potentially harmful vapor and preventing the normalization and use of e-cigarettes among young people.

Because e-cigarettes are unregulated by the Food and Drug Administration, there is no way for consumers to know what types or concentrations of potentially harmful chemicals and nicotine are found in e-cigarettes. There have been no long-term studies conducted on e-cigarettes, so the lasting impact on the health of users and those exposed to their vapor is unknown. While many people claim that e-cigarettes have helped them quit smoking cigarettes, e-cigarettes have not been proven, nor approved as a cessation device. The proposed ordinance amendment would not prohibit people's ability to use approved cessation devices (nicotine gum, patches or medications) indoors.