

**POLICY PROHIBITING TOBACCO USE**  
**AT THE LACKAWANNA TRANSIT CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, In Pennsylvania, more that 858,000 young people are exposed to tobacco smoke pollution every day and the US Surgeon General has stated that there is NO SAFE LEVEL OF EXPOSURE, whether indoors or outdoors, and that children's exposure to secondhand smoke causes increased risk of sudden infant death syndrome, lower respiratory infections, middle ear diseases, more severe asthma, respiratory symptoms and slowed lung growth and is responsible for the premature deaths of over 430,000 Americans each year from lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory illness and other diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, secondhand smoke is responsible for over 50,000 deaths among non-smokers each year; and

**WHEREAS**, tobacco kills more Americans each year than alcohol, cocaine, heroin, homicide, and suicide, accidents, fire and AIDS combined; and

**WHEREAS**, 80% of smokers started smoking before the age of 18, and the average initiation age is 12 years old; and

**WHEREAS**, every day an estimated 3,900 young people under the age of 18 try their first cigarette and one-third of these children will die prematurely from tobacco-related illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, this Policy is being adopted to provide people with a safe, smoke-free environment.

**THEREFORE, it is the Policy of COLTS that:**

1. The Lackawanna Transit Center shall be designated as tobacco-free and the use of any tobacco products or electronic cigarette, in any form, shall be prohibited at the Lackawanna Transit Center, in-doors or outdoors.
2. Appropriate signage shall be posted to designate the Lackawanna Transit Center as a tobacco-free area;
3. Any person in violation of this Policy shall be forced to leave the Lackawanna Transit Center.
4. Any person caught using a tobacco product on the property who refuses to stop such use or immediately leave the property shall be subject to prosecution for trespassing by law enforcement.

5. COLTS shall appoint personnel or agents to patrol the Lackawanna Transit Center to ensure people do not violate this Policy.

**“TOBACCO PRODUCT” INCLUDES:**

- a. Any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff; and
  - b. Any electronic device that delivers nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to an electronic cigarette, cigar, pipe, or hookah.
  - c. Notwithstanding any provision of subsections (a) and (b) to the contrary, “tobacco product” includes any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product, whether or not sold separately. “Tobacco product” does not include any product that has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco cessation product or for other therapeutic purposes where such product is marketed and sold for such an approved purpose.
6. If any section, clause, provision or portion of this Policy shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision or portion of this Policy so long as it remains legally enforceable minus the invalid portion. COLTS reserves the right to amend this Policy any portion thereof from time to time as it shall deem advisable in the best interests of the promotion of the purpose & intent of this Policy, & effective administration thereof.
7. This Policy will take effect immediately upon passage.



Carmen Libassi,  
COLTS Chairman of the Board

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