December 26, 2019

Dear Business Person:

**Effective January 1, 2020,** electronic cigarette use (vaping) will be prohibited in all places of employment and indoor public places in Lincoln. On December 16, 2019 the Lincoln City Council voted unanimously to include vapor products in Chapter 8.50 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, created to protect the health of the community.

All businesses are expected to comply with the City ordinance, effective January 1, 2020. Enforcement of the ordinance will be conducted by both the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department and the Lincoln Police Department. The Health Department will follow-up with businesses on all complaints of possible violations of using electronic cigarettes (vaping) in a place of employment or indoor public place for education and assistance in complying with the ordinance.

Please remember that nicotine is an addictive chemical found in most vapor products and this may be a great opportunity to help your employees quit tobacco and/or vaping products. The Nebraska Quitline offers 24/7 access to free and confidential counseling and support services by calling 1-800-QUIT NOW.

You can also contact the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Tobacco Prevention Team for additional education and resources including “no smoking, including electronic cigarettes” door decal signage available to businesses, frequently asked questions (FAQ) sheet, a copy of the updated ordinance, and other resources to help with implementation by visiting lincoln.ne.gov keyword: tobacco or calling 402-441-8045.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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