

Failure to Comply

If you fail to post bond, pay the required fee or attend the required tobacco education class, you could be charged with contempt of court.

A judge could impose an alternative sentence, including community service.

Thinking about Quitting?

For ND residents ready to make a healthy change, there is a FREE tobacco cessation resource called NDQuits.

Trained counselors work with smokers and spit tobacco users to help them through the quitting process.

Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW
(1-800-784-8669)
to get started or visit
ndhealth.gov/ndquits.

Note: NDQuits counseling protocols and educational materials for youth are specific to the 12 to 17-year old population.

About Fargo Cass Public Health

Fargo Cass Public Health offers a wide array of services to residents of Cass County:

- Adult Home Visits
- Breast & Cervical Cancer
- Correctional Health
- Emergency Preparedness
- Environmental Health
- Family Planning
- Immunizations
- International Travel
- Mom/Baby Home Visits
- ND Health Tracks
- Nurse Family Partnership Program
- School Nursing
- STD/HIV testing
- Tuberculosis Control
- WIC: Women, Infants and Children

Services are open to all residents of Cass County, regardless of age, income level, sex, race or nationality.



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Tobacco Prevention Program

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Tobacco and Minors: Know the Consequences



City of Fargo Ordinance 10-0103

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Smoking and tobacco use are more than unhealthy habits—

In the City of Fargo, it is illegal for anyone under age 18 to sell, use or possess any tobacco product, ***including electronic cigarettes***. If you are found to be engaging in any of these activities, you are in violation of City of Fargo Ordinance 10-0103. The full text of the ordinance can be found online at cityoffargo.com/tobacco or by visiting the Auditor's office at Fargo City Hall.

Violations

Violations of this ordinance are handled by Fargo Municipal Court for those between 14-17 years of age. Those younger than 14 who violate the ordinance will be referred to the East Central Juvenile Court.

A violation of Ordinance 10-0103 is a non-criminal violation. Violators age 14 and older must pay a fee of \$25 and complete a tobacco education program approved by Fargo Municipal Court. If minors violate the ordinance three times in a period of 12 consecutive months, the court may order them to attend a tobacco cessation program.

Tobacco Education Program

The court-approved Tobacco Education Program (TEP) is administered by Tobacco Prevention Staff at Fargo Cass Public Health.

TEP participants can expect to explore and discuss:

- *Local, state and national tobacco use trends*
- *Reasons for maintaining tobacco use*
- *Negative effects of tobacco use*
- *Resources for quitting tobacco use*

TEP consists of a PowerPoint presentation, an educational video, multiple discussion opportunities and completion of an essay.

Parent/guardian attendance is not mandatory.

The mandatory fee to attend the program is \$25, payable by cash, check or money order. Students who arrive without sufficient payment will be required to register for the next program.

The program is held one time each month at Fargo Cass Public Health, located at 1240 25th Street South, Fargo.

Please call 241-8576 to register or visit: cityoffargo.com/tobacco.

Choices for Violators

Minors who are cited for violating ordinance 10-0103 have two choices:

- Post and forfeit bond of \$25 by paying in person or by mail within 14 days after the date the citation is issued. You must also complete a court-approved tobacco education program within 60 days of the date of the citation.
- Post bond of \$25 and request a hearing within 14 days of the date of the citation. The court will notify you by mail of your hearing date. At the hearing, you can explain your actions to the judge. The judge may waive, reduce or suspend the fee.

If you decide to forfeit the bond or if you fail to show up for your scheduled court hearing, the court will see this as your admission you committed the violation. You will not have a right to a hearing.

Parental Notification:

Ordinance 10-0103 requires police officers to mail a notice to the parent or guardian of the violator within 10 days of the citation.