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Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

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LINCOLN COUNTY NO SMOKING ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE APRIL 30TH

On January 30, 2013 the Board of Commissioners approved Ordinance # 468 related to smoking on county property. The ordinance takes effect Tuesday April 30th.

The Smoke Free Ordinance applies to all county facilities unless specifically designated as smoking permitted (solely county parks named in the Ordinance). Specifically, Ordinance #468 states that: *"No person shall smoke or carry any lighted smoking instrument (any cigar, cigarette, pipe, electronic cigarette or other smoking equipment) on any county property, except in areas designated as smoking areas pursuant to LCC 7.580."*

According to Commissioner Doug Hunt, "moving to a smoke free campus helps reduce employees' and citizens' exposure to secondhand smoke. We hope it also encourages everyone to look at the effect this has on our community. Secondhand smoke kills an estimated 800 Oregonians including 160 Lincoln County residents each year. As we strive to achieve a healthier Lincoln County, this effort is a logical move in the right direction."

Additional information about support services for smokers and non-smokers may be accessed through Lincoln County's Tobacco Prevention and Education Program. TPEP strives to make Lincoln County a healthier community by eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke, preventing youth from initiating tobacco use, identifying and eliminating tobacco-related disparities in all populations, and to help smokers quit. Lincoln County TPEP is supported by grant funds from the Oregon State Tobacco Prevention & Education Program.

More information about TPEP can be found on Lincoln County's web site or by contacting Lincoln County's TPEP Coordinator directly at 541-265-0405.

If you are ready to quit tobacco or want more information about the free Oregon Tobacco Quit Line, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) or visit www.quitnow.net/oregon/.

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