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# PROPOSED HOUSE RULE CHANGE AND MEMBERSHIP NOTICE.

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MAY 14, 2024  
ELKS LODGE 1648  
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA



**May 15, 2024**

**Dear Fellow Elk Member:**

**The following house rule change has passed the house committee, was agreed to by the board of directors, and has been read on the floor per the requirements for this type of rule change within our lodge. After having been read on the floor of the lodge meeting on May 14, 2024 a date to vote on this change has been set for the Lodge meeting to be held on May 28, 2024.**

**On May 28, 2024 please be present at the regularly scheduled lodge meeting to be held at 7 PM to have your opinion counted on this issue.**

**Please be aware a valid membership ID will be required for entry into the meeting where voting will take place.**

**I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge Meeting for this important vote.**

**The rule change is included in this mailing for you to review.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick Mickle".

**Patrick Mickle**

**Exalted Ruler Elks Lodge 1648**

Title: Non Smoking Policy in Elks Lodge 1648

Whereas, Elks Lodge 1648 in Huntsville, Alabama, strives to promote the health and well-being of its members, guests, and staff; and

Whereas, recognizing the harmful effects of tobacco smoke on health and the environment, it is in the best interest of the lodge to create a healthier and more inclusive environment by adopting a nonsmoking policy for all indoor spaces;

Be it hereby enacted, by the membership of Elks Lodge 1648, that the following rule will be implemented on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day after a vote for this rule is held on the lodge floor after following all prescribed notices and timelines.

#### Article I: Definitions

1. "Indoor Space" refers to any enclosed area within the Elks 1648 Lodge premises, including but not limited to meeting rooms, dining areas, hallways, restrooms, kitchens, coolers, food storage areas, offices, and other enclosed spaces accessible to members, guests, and/or staff.

#### Article II: Nonsmoking Policy

1. Elks Lodge 1648 shall be designated as a nonsmoking facility in all indoor spaces.
2. Smoking, including the use of cigarettes, cigars, pipes, vaping, electronic cigarettes, or any other smoking apparatus is strictly prohibited within the indoor premises of Elks Lodge 1648.
3. Smoking shall be limited to designated outdoor areas only, including the patio, parking lot, lodge grounds, and a minimum of 15 feet from the North Door and covered Bar entrance.

#### Article III: Compliance and Enforcement

1. All members, guests, and staff are expected to adhere to the nonsmoking policy within indoor and outdoor spaces of Elks Lodge 1648.
2. Lodge officers and staff members are responsible for informing individuals of the nonsmoking policy and requesting compliance when necessary.
3. Non-compliance with the nonsmoking policy may result in corrective actions as determined by the Board of Directors and House Committee, including but not limited to verbal warnings, temporary suspension of privileges, or expulsion from the premises, in accordance with the lodge's rules and procedures.

#### Article IV: Communication and Implementation

1. Notice of the adoption of this nonsmoking policy shall be communicated to all members, guests, and staff through appropriate channels, including signage prominently displayed during the period between adoption and implementation.
2. The implementation of this policy shall be effective on the 14<sup>th</sup> day after approval by the membership of Elks Lodge 1648.