



# CASTLE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

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Castle Rock Town Council  
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Dear Town Council Members,

Castle View High School is in full support of a possible town ordinance addressing minors in possession of vape devices, e-cigarettes, vape oils, and vape paraphernalia.

The physical health and safety of students is the number one priority for our school. Providing additional means by which Castle Rock Police Department may address this prevalent issue will serve as a strong deterrent for our teens.

I want to express my appreciation for Mayor Green and the entire Town Council for their careful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

I want to reach out with my support and appreciation of the potential change to Town Ordinance as it relates to vape devices and paraphernalia. During the 2017/2018 school year, we have seen a sharp increase in middle school students accessing, using, and distributing vape paraphernalia. We have increased our education and prevention work around this, but continue to see an alarming trend beginning to form. While we handle this matter with school based discipline, we are finding that families are uninformed and often do not take seriously the discussions we, as a school, are having with students and families. I am also concerned because our middle schools are enforcing this issue differently because town ordinances are so different. I fear this may be skewing our data and has the potential to create problems in the future. I would most sincerely appreciate the alignment of town ordinances around the topic of vaping to increase both consistency and awareness. I sincerely appreciate the attempt to build education into these offenses in the hopes that we can get ahead of this growing epidemic. Please feel free to reach out to me if I can answer further questions and I most sincerely appreciate you considering this important change. It takes a village to raise a child and I appreciate the efforts to partner together on this.

Yours in Education,

Lee-Ann Hayen

## My Thoughts on Vaping/E-Cigarettes

By Aislynn Kauffman

July 5, 2018

I would think most people would agree that nicotine is bad for you. We know that it is addictive and see there are laws in place to prevent minors from legally purchasing it or possessing it. We have other laws to protect minors, such as limited driving privileges, purchasing alcohol, gambling, and so forth. All these laws are designed to protect the younger people who may not yet have the ability to fully understand the harm that could come from different products or activities. As a teenager, I sometimes roll my eyes at such laws, because I think I know how to make my own decisions and that I should be free to do whatever I want. But when I stop and realize the consequences of there being no laws protecting minors, I can see how the many bad things that could happen far outweigh any independent desire I may have.

There are many teenagers at my high school that vape. These are not just the kids that we would assume would do such things, like those who are known for partying or skipping school. These are actually all sorts of kids, from the athletes, to musicians, to straight A students. This is difficult because it seems wherever you go there is someone there that will vape and offer you a puff. I know of teenagers that are already addicted to it, saying they have to do it every day or they feel horrible. But even though they admit this, other kids still continue to do it.

Vaping has somehow developed a cool image. I think it's because kids get the feeling it's new and therefore safer than real cigarettes. And since there is not actually smoke involved, it is not really that bad for you. It reminds me of tanning booths. The marketing of tanning booths has been under the guise of "UV filtered" or other positive descriptions. Our society has been taught that the sun's rays are not good for you and that you should always wear sunscreen. So then

there's this alternative way to get the same effect (tan) but not actually sit in the sun. So people jump on it. Only later to be told that research shows tanning beds are even WORSE for you than the sun!

Unfortunately I feel this same thing may happen with vaping. Therefore, I think the same laws that apply to other nicotine products should apply to e-cigarettes too. We need to classify them in the same category as other nicotine products, letting society know that they are just as bad. When they are in another category, it makes them seem not as harmful. I agree that kids who are caught with them should have education on the effects of nicotine on our bodies, the effects of addiction, the cost for a lifetime habit, etc. If we can somehow stop kids now from these harmful after effects, why wouldn't we at least try?

## New Vaping Ordinance Opinion

By Karston Ferrier

July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

I heavily agree with the new vaping ordinance for many reasons. Especially at Castle View High School, vaping has become a huge problem. Kids are addicted and repeatedly use these type of drugs in extremely public places such as at lunch, in the classroom, and on the bus. It got so bad that at one point they banned going to the bathroom during class because that's when and where people would go to vape. I support this new ordinance because it helps kids learn more about vaping and how they can stop the addiction and how it impacts them and the people around them. Just giving them a fine won't stop them from doing it because there is no lesson that they are taught about the effects. I would like to see offenders learn from their actions which in turn would make a healthier community overall.

**Jazzy Smithwick**  
**July 6, 2018**

Smoking of all forms are used to much around my school. In last week of my 7th grade year 5 of my fellow classmates were called down due to being reported by other students about this issue. I think Vapes and all sort of smoking products impact lives of young kids, teens, and adults. The issue has grown to a point kids in 5th and 6th grade are buying juuls, mods, & sourins. It has become a "trend."

I agree with the law you cannot buy a vape product under 18, I agree that you cannot sell it to a minor. But I don't agree you can still possess it under the legal age. I feel as though it gives kids to much of a right to damage their lungs at such a young age. In the beginning the long term effects were popcorn lung. But vape companies such as Aqua, ANML, Candy King, etc. were banned from using any sort of diacetyl (the cause of popcorn lung). So now we have no knowledge of the long term effects. For all we know it could be just as bad, even worse than smoking a pack of cigarettes.

I do feel kids should be more educated on vape products. I know with how much we are taught it makes us think they are ok. I remember back before I had done research on them I asked my mom for one of the products. Quickly I was shut down, but I was also educated on why I couldn't. Kids don't see the long term effects, they see the trend, the popularity. So I think instead of just being suspended when you're caught with a vape product. Maybe educated during your lunch period. You have to stop the behavior not just put it on pause.

**7/6/2018**

To the Community of Castle Rock and Douglas County Surrounding Areas,

Vaping in castle rock has become an issue that I agree should not be ignored any longer. With smoking being one of the leading causes of death, vaping is just as bad. One of the biggest issues with vaping, is that those who use it teach the vapor that it doesn't matter. One of the biggest issues with vaping is it acts as a substitute to cigarettes. It gives the same rush and high that a cigarette or nicotine based product gives. The problem has often been determining what is water based and what is nicotine based vaping. The way I see it, it doesn't matter. We obviously know and cannot ignore the fact that if a teen wants to get his or her hands on nicotine based products, they will. What our goal should be is to prevent and deter them from doing so. As a teen in Castle Rock, I am saddened by the countless lives being ruined by these products and I am stepping up to help stop it. It is up to us to be that positive influence in our community's teen's lives. It is not only up to us to be the change we wish to see in everyone else's lives. But it is up to us to also see it through.

To the Castle Rock Town Council,

As a citizen of Castle rock and a citizen of Douglas County, I am in agreement with the proposed 9.22 municipal code change. I do suggest, that we perhaps increase the violation penalty from a \$300 fine to a \$500 fine to reinforce the fact that this is a serious matter. I look forward to seeing this code enacted. Thank you for your service to this town.