

**GENERAL ORDER 26.1.2**

**Use of Tobacco Products**

**GENERAL ORDER CROSS-REFERENCE: None.**

**SUMMARY**

Establishes the Department policy regarding the use of tobacco products within the Police-Courts Building and City owned or leased vehicles and the use of tobacco products by certain employees.

**DISCUSSION**

The smoking of tobacco products has been proven to be a health hazard to both the smoker and others who inhale the smoke. In order to promote the general physical and mental health of the employees assigned to the Police-Courts Building, it is necessary to regulate the use of tobacco products. Employees hired after June, 1985, are prohibited from using tobacco products while on duty. The portion of this policy relating to the Police-Courts Building was derived by a Task Force convened to construct standards for smoking in the Building.

**POLICY**

**I**

It is the policy of the Springfield Police Department that the Police-Courts Building be designated a No-Smoking Area in its totality for employees and the public

**II**

This General Order brings into policy the longstanding employment criteria regarding the use of tobacco products. No member employed under the employment criteria established in June, 1985, shall use tobacco products while on-duty.

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