



The Collaborative promotes the development of a healthy involved community supporting substance free youth in a caring environment.

Manchester Ordinance Process

How did partnership between Town of Manchester and The Collaborative advance?

- * The Collaborative has a longstanding relationship with the town over various initiatives including employee tobacco use policies, tobacco and smoke free parks and prescription take back. In 2016 Town of Manchester set a goal to update all ordinances. The town, familiar with The Collaborative, our work and support of healthy communities and substance free youth in the community and county reached out to us.
- * The Collaborative met in February 2016 with the Town Manager to answer questions about drafted ordinance language and to recognize the town's plan supports the health and wellness of the residents. Knowing the objectives of the town plan, helped support revising ordinance language addressing smoke and tobacco free parks, alcohol use at parks and public spaces and marijuana and other drug use in parks and density as related to paraphernalia retailers.
- * The Collaborative reached out to Office of Local Health for supporting data and to ask the Prevention Consultant and Chronic Disease Specialist to attend select board meetings in conjunction with The Collaborative to help inform and educate select board members. The Collaborative extended an invitation to parents and a business owner to lend support.
- * Learning Curve: Policy work is a lengthy process. Coalitions should best prepare for agenda's fluctuating and being postponed.
- * Opportunity: Show decision makers that other VT towns have adopted policy language. This shows they are not groundbreakers and others are actually the first and provides previously adopted language.

Town of Manchester Commerce Ordinance –VIII (selections)

8-2 Purpose of Chapter

This Chapter has been adopted for the purpose of protecting public health, safety and welfare, preserving public order, regulating entertainments, and abating public nuisances.

8-3 Definitions

Drug paraphernalia shall mean any device designed primarily for use of individuals for the smoking or ingestion of marijuana, hashish, hashish oil, cocaine or any other illegal controlled substances.

8-5 Sale of Marijuana - prohibition

- (1) It shall be illegal to sell or distribute marijuana in the Town of Manchester.
- (2) A violation of this section shall be considered a First Degree civil violation.

8-8 Sale of Drug Paraphernalia Near Schools

(1) Any business that is permitted after the enactment date of this Chapter that sells drug paraphernalia shall not be located within 1,000 feet of a property line of an existing public or private elementary school, middle school, high school, vocational school or daycare center.

(2) A violation of this section shall be considered a First Degree civil violation.

8-9 Enforcement

Sworn officers of the Manchester Police Department are hereby designated as the enforcement authority for this Chapter; provided, that Section 6, shall be enforced by the Municipal Compliance Officer.