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City Looking For Stricter Beach Smoking Regulations

Council introduces ordinances that will not allow smoking on any part of the city's beaches

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The city's regulations for smoking on the beaches could become much tighter by the end of this month.

During Tuesday night's Long Branch Council meeting, the council introduced an ordinance that would not allow smoking on any part of the city's beaches.

Currently, smoking is not allowed on beaches, with the exception of a few "designated smoking areas," according to City Business Administrator Howard Woolley. However, he said it has become increasingly more difficult to regulate these areas.

"It has become basically impossible to designate the smoking areas," Woolley said. "People are smoking in other areas."

"We want to make the whole beach smoke free," Woolley continued.

The ordinance, if adopted at the next council meeting on June 28, would eliminate the designated smoking areas.

"So people would have to go back to their cars or back onto the boardwalk," Councilman Michael Sirianni said.

Councilwoman Kathleen Billings asked what type of notification would go up to announce this new rule. Woolley said new signs would be put up on the beaches. Old signs said smoking is prohibited except in designated areas.

The fine for smoking on the beach is \$100 for the first offense, and \$200 and \$300 for subsequent offenses.

The council unanimously voted to adopt the ordinance on Tuesday night.