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NFG Question

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Ryan Griffin <rgriffin@easthamptonma.gov> Wed, Apr 8, 2026 at 3:27 PM
To: sbarra@mahb.org

Hi Attorney Sbarra,

I hope you're doing well.

The Easthampton Board of Health is currently considering updates to our tobacco regulations, and I've attached a draft of the proposed regulations for your review.

I had a couple of procedural questions as we plan next steps:

1. The Board is planning to host an informal, in-person public forum to gather community input on the proposed regulations prior to taking any formal action (hopefully end of April), then have a hearing at our regular May BOH meeting. Are there any legal concerns with holding this forum in person only?
2. At present, our Board of Health has two members. Are there any legal issues on amending regulations without a full board?

Thank you in advance for your guidance.

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Cheryl Sbarra <sbarra@mahb.org> Thu, Apr 9, 2026 at 8:01 AM
To: Ryan Griffin <rgriffin@easthamptonma.gov>

Good Morning Ryan,

I don't see a problem with either of your questions. You do not have to provide a virtual option for a public meeting.. And you can have 2 members of a 3-member board vote. Of course, if one votes yes and one votes no, then the regulation does not pass.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Cheryl
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Ryan Griffin <rgriffin@easthamptonma.gov> Thu, Apr 9, 2026 at 2:22 PM
To: Cheryl Sbarra <sbarra@mahb.org>

Hi Cheryl,

That's great news. Thank you for the information! I was at the Amherst hearing back in October, and am looking for the script that Kiko had. Is that something you have access to?

Also, if you are available, it will be an in-person public forum on Wednesday, April 29th, @ 6:30 PM here at Easthampton City Hall, 2nd Floor, 50 Payson Ave.

Thank you, and it was great to see you virtually this morning!

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