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Subject: Re: Brookline ordinance

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Sounds like a good plan.

Do any of the NFG ordinances exempt sacred tobacco? It doesn't seem like Brookline or UK address it

Sent from my iPhone

On May 5, 2025, at 8:37 AM, Chris Bostic <bosticc@ash.org> wrote:

I've been talking with contacts in Native American tobacco control, and I just want to put up a yellow flag. The sacred tobacco issue is complicated and nuanced, and *how* we do things is likely as important as *what* we do. One thing that has struck me in working with this community is the strong notion that no one can speak for all Native Americans, indeed not even for one Tribe or even another person. This makes it tricky to bring in outside expertise or advocacy.

The most important first step is to listen and understand concerns. My colleague suggested reaching out to the North American Indian Center of Boston, Inc. (NAICOB) in Jamaica Plain. As a regional group, they are in a better position to understand and perhaps have an influence. At the initial meeting, we shouldn't try to "sell" NFG, but instead explain what we're trying to accomplish and express our desire to have a meaningful dialogue with the Native community. You may even invite the BOH member with the concern, to ensure it doesn't appear that we're trying to "go over her head" but instead start a dialogue.

Cheers,
Chris

From: John Maa <maa_john@yahoo.com>
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Thanks - took a look again in the light of day and did not see any distinction of commercial or scared tobacco.

I did like the definition of smoking to include non tobacco products as well

This seems to make the sacred tobacco issue less of a concern - not in the Brookline ordinance or the UK

Finished my slides and ATS is reviewing. Will share once that is complete.
Talk is May 20

On May 4, 2025, at 3:28 AM, Silbaugh, Katharine
<silbaugh@bu.edu> wrote:

It's a sales restriction
Sent from a handheld device

On May 4, 2025, at 1:25 AM, John Maa
<maa_john@yahoo.com> wrote:

<https://www.brooklinema.gov/DocumentCenter/View/18677/Town-of-Brookline-Tobacco-Bylaw>

Almost done with my ATS slides.

Looked up the Brookline ordinance.

Is there a section about sacred tobacco/
commercial tobacco? Worked a lot this evening and
took a Quick Look. Please let me know if you see
the specific language. Thanks!

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