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COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING NOTICE

Date: March 5, 2026

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Place: On-line Zoom Teleconference Meeting –
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9833577075?omn=87507003442>
Meeting ID: 983 357 7075

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Board of Health Invites Public Dialogue on Nicotine-Free Generation Policy

The City of Northampton Department of Health and Human Services and the Northampton Board of Health will host a community forum on Thursday, March 5, providing an opportunity for open dialogue and public discussion about a proposed Nicotine-Free Generation (NFG) policy. Community members are encouraged to attend to learn more about the proposal, ask questions, and share perspectives. No deliberations or votes will occur at this forum.

The Nicotine-Free Generation policy is a forward-looking public health approach that would gradually phase out the sale of nicotine products to future generations by establishing a birth-year cutoff for legal sales. While youth cigarette smoking has declined, tobacco companies continue to introduce and market high-nicotine products, such as e-cigarettes and oral nicotine pouches that appeal to young people. NFG allows communities to respond proactively to these evolving products rather than after addiction has taken hold.

The regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting on Thursday, March 19, will provide an additional opportunity for public comment. During this meeting, the Board will receive testimony, review information, reflect on feedback shared during the community forum, and deliberate on potential next steps.

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Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9833577075?omn=87507003442>

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This public forum is an opportunity for the voices of residents, visitors and local businesses to be heard. If you cannot attend the forum but would like to submit a statement, please do so by either emailing it to moleary@northamptonma.gov or mailing it to the Northampton Health Department, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060.

Addendum: This agenda represents a listing of matters reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at this meeting. Every item may not, in fact, be discussed and other items, not listed, may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.