



# SUPREME COURT

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### NO SMOKING ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE NO. 20-4

#### Administrative Directive Regarding Smoking Policy in Koror and Ngerulmud Judiciary Complexes


The global scientific community has long recognized the harmful effects of smoking tobacco and second hand smoke. 11 PNC § 1713 already prohibits smoking within enclosed places at the Judiciary Complex. The law also prohibits smoking outdoors in certain public places, including schools, sports facilities, and health care facilities. In accordance with existing law, the Court wishes to clarify its tobacco use policy and further reduce the deleterious effects of tobacco on those who must use the Judiciary's facilities.

This directive aims to provide a smoke-free environment for those who work and visit the Judiciary Complexes in Koror and Ngerulmud. Pursuant to Article X, Section 12 of the Constitution, the Administration promulgates this directive to ban smoking tobacco on the premises of the Judiciary Complex in Koror and Ngerulmud. Smoking is herein defined as inhaling, exhaling or handling ignited tobacco in the form of cigars, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vape pens or pipes of any kind.

To that end, with this directive, the Administration hereby FORBIDS smoking on the premises of the Judiciary Complexes in Koror and Ngerulmud. This directive applies to the entire property, including the outdoor areas, parking lot, and inside Judiciary vehicles. The directive further REQUESTS that employees and visitors do not smoke inside their cars while the cars are parked on Judiciary property.

General questions about this Directive may be directed to the Deputy Administrative Director, Ms. Hasinta Idechong, at 488-2607 or 767-2607.

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