

At their meeting on April 22, 2026, the Warren County Board of Supervisors approved a 2-cent per cigarette tax (40 cents per pack of 20) and voted to join the [Northern Virginia Cigarette Tax Board](#) (NVCTB). This initiative, part of the FY-27 budget discussions, aims to diversify revenue, with the NVCTB handling the assessment and collection of the new tax.

### **Key Details of the Adoption:**

- **Tax Rate:** 2 cents per cigarette, totaling 40 cents on a standard pack of 20.
- **Implementation:** The tax was moved forward as part of the FY27 budget deliberations and joins existing regional tax efforts.
- **Board Membership:** By joining the Northern Virginia Cigarette Tax Board, the county joins a collective of local jurisdictions that use a central body for administration and enforcement of cigarette taxes.
- **Context:** The move was considered alongside other budget-balancing measures, including a potential 19% real estate tax hike, following discussions on rising costs and revenue needs.
- **Regional Context:** The NVCTB serves several jurisdictions, with a long history of managing cigarette tax rates in Northern Virginia.

The adoption of the tax was not without debate, as some residents expressed concern over tax hikes during public hearings. However, it was passed to assist in balancing the county's financial plans.

The NVCTB will formally vote on the request to join during the next full board meeting on June 4, 2026.