

HANNIBAL SMOKE-FREE AIR ACT

coming July 1, 2012

Tips to help you, your employees & customers comply with Hannibal's new **smoke-free law**

As determined by a vote of the citizens of Hannibal, the Hannibal Smoke-Free Act, which prohibits smoking in virtually all indoor workplaces, including bars and restaurants, and indoor public events, goes into effect on July 1, 2012. To encourage compliance with the new law, consider these helpful tips:

Some people don't like surprises. Please remind your customers in advance of the law taking effect that they will no longer be able to smoke indoors beginning on Sunday, July 1, 2012.

- **Place *No Smoking* signs** at entrances and, if helpful, in other visible locations throughout your business. No Smoking signs and additional helpful materials will be available on the City of Hannibal's website in the coming weeks. Feel free to print these off and post them!
- **Remove ashtrays**, matches and other smoking equipment in places where smoking is prohibited. Most people understand that if there are no ashtrays, there is no smoking.
- **Talk to your employees** about the new law and make sure your managers and customer service representatives and personnel know how to approach a customer who is smoking.

Make it clear to your customers and employees that while you did not create the law, you are responsible for making sure no one smokes indoors. Be aware there are fines for violating this law. For details, please reference the enclosed brochure.

For those customers who have questions, please refer them to the **City of Hannibal** at **573-221-0111** or the City's website **hannibal-mo.gov** where they can get more information on the law.

Help for people who want to **quit smoking**

If you, your employees or customers smoke and want to quit, there are resources available.

The James E. Cary Cancer Center has a free seven-week quit smoking class that features one-on-one counseling, peer support, education, and information on tobacco replacement products. To register for class or for more information, call 573-406-1633 or visit carycancercenter.org/breakfree.

There is also the Missouri Quitline, free telephone counseling and quit kits, call **1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669)**.