

When does Hannibal go smoke-free?

Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, July 1, 2012 the Hannibal Smoke-Free Air Act, with few exceptions, prohibits smoking inside all workplaces and public places including bars and restaurants.

What does the ordinance require me to do?

You should inform your employees and customers that beginning July 1st, smoking is no longer permitted indoors.

You cannot permit anyone to violate the law in your establishment.

You must remove all ashtrays from areas where smoking is prohibited.

You may want to redirect your employees and customers to an outdoor location where smoking is permitted.

Do I need to post signs?

Yes, the law states that “no smoking signs” with the no smoking symbol must be clearly and conspicuously displayed at entrances.

Two window cling signs are included in the packet and more are available at City Hall.

How will the ordinance be enforced?

In general, smoke-free laws have proved “self-enforcing,” much like traffic laws.

The City of Hannibal has established a phone line to report violations of the ordinance, 573-221-0111, ext 202. Any reports will be investigated by the City Manager’s office.

However, ultimately, compliance with this law is simply a matter of respecting those around you.

What are the exceptions to the new ordinance?

The only exceptions to the new law are:

- 1) private residences (except when used as a licensed childcare, adult care, or health care facility);
- 2) no more than 20% of hotel/motel sleeping rooms;
- 3) private clubs that have no employees present and are not open to the public at the time, however functions that are open to the general public and/or have paid employees present must be smoke-free indoors;
- 4) retail tobacco stores that have at least 70% of their total gross revenue from the sale of loose tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, or other tobacco-related products;
- 5) Outdoor areas of employment

What should I do if patrons insist on smoking?

You and your staff must advise them of the new ordinance.

Politely explain that they must step outside to smoke.

If the customer refuses to comply, refer to your company’s policy on dealing with difficult customers or **to file a complaint call 573-221-0111 ext 202.**

Additionally, an employee or patron may file a complaint against you and/or your establishment for violating the law.

What are the penalties for violating the law?

Both the individual as well as the business or establishment can be fined for violating this ordinance.

Individual Fines

A fine not to exceed \$50.

Business Owner/Manager Fines

A fine not to exceed \$100 for the first violation, \$200 for the second and \$500 for the third and subsequent.

Repeated violations may result in license suspension or revocation by the City.

Why did Hannibal adopt this law?

In the April 3, 2012 election, Hannibal voters approved Proposition 1, the “Hannibal Smoke-Free Air Act”

The Hannibal City Council then ratified that vote by passing the ordinance.

Does the ordinance prohibit smoking outdoors?

No. However, smoking is prohibited within three (3) feet of entrances, windows and ventilation systems of enclosed places to ensure smoke doesn't come back indoors.

Owners and managers are free to designate outdoor areas on their premises as smoking or non-smoking.

Where can I get more information about the new ordinance?

You can learn more about the new ordinance by contacting [staff at the City of Hannibal at 573-221-0111, ext 202.](#)

What is secondhand smoke?

Secondhand smoke consists of the smoke given off by the burning end of a cigarette, pipe or cigar, and the smoke exhaled from the lungs of smokers.

Secondhand smoke contains at least **4,000 chemicals**, including more than 50 that can cause cancer.

Exposure causes **heart disease and lung cancer** in nonsmoking adults.

The U.S. Surgeon General has concluded there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

Where can I get information about how to quit smoking?

The James E. Cary Cancer Center in Hannibal 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 to get more information, call 573-406-1633 or visit cary-cancercenter.org/breakfree.

Additionally, the Missouri Tobacco Quit-line, 1-800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669), provides free one-on-one phone counseling and support for smokers.



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