



NACOGDOCHES NO SMOKING ORDINANCE FAQ'S

□ Why did the City of Nacogdoches decide to prohibit smoking in public places and in places of employment?

The purpose of the ordinance is to promote public health by decreasing citizen's exposure to secondhand smoke, thereby creating smoke free environments for workers and citizens through regulation in the work place and all public places.

□ What is the effective date of the Smoking Ordinance?

Active enforcement will begin on July 1, 2008.

□ Who do I contact to file a complaint about a violation of the Smoking Ordinance?

Any citizen who desires to register a complaint under this chapter may initiate enforcement with the City Inspections Department at 936-559-2558 during normal business hours from 8 to 5 Monday-Friday, or you may contact the Nacogdoches Police Department Non-Emergency line after hours at 936-559-2607.

□ Where is smoking prohibited?

Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed areas within a place of employment without exception. This includes common work areas, auditoriums, classrooms, conference and meeting rooms, private offices, elevators, hallways, churches, medical facilities, cafeterias, employee lounges, stairs, restrooms, vehicles, and all other enclosed facilities. Smoking is further prohibited within 20 feet of any public entrance to a building or facility.

□ What type of establishments are exempt from the Smoking Ordinance?

- Private residences, except when used as childcare or health care facilities
- Designated guest rooms in Hotels/Motels,
- Retail Tobacco Stores,
- Designated private or semi-private rooms in nursing homes,
- Fraternal Organizations.

See Sec. 46-106 EXCEPTIONS of the Smoking Ordinance for details.

□ Can a business operator allow smoking if their establishment is strictly a private club?

No. Smoking is prohibited in private clubs where liquor by the drink is served.

□ Who is responsible for enforcement of the Smoking Ordinance?

It is the responsibility of the owner, manager, operator or employee of any establishment to enforce the regulations of the City ordinance at their establishment.

Can individuals be issued a citation if they smoke within 20 feet from a public entrance?

-Yes. Any person observed smoking where smoking is prohibited by the ordinance is individually responsible for the violation.

-Violations of the ordinance are a Class C Misdemeanor and will result in a citation, filed with Municipal Court.

□ As an employer do I have to post appropriate signage?

Yes. The employer or person in charge is responsible for posting "No Smoking" signage including the international "No Smoking" symbol, or other sign containing words or pictures that reasonably prohibit smoking:

- In each public place and workplace where smoking is prohibited.
- At each entrance to a public place or workplace.

You may also find a printable sign on our website at <http://www.ci.nacogdoches.tx.us>.

□ How can I get a copy of the Smoking Ordinance?

You can find a copy on our City website at <http://www.ci.nacogdoches.tx.us> or you may contact the City Inspections Department at 936-559-2558.