

Smoking Ban Ordinance Frequently Asked Questions



What is the purpose of the ordinance?

The purpose of the Smoking Ban Ordinance is to protect the health and safety of employees and the public at large by restricting their exposure to tobacco smoke.

When will the ordinance be effective?

The ordinance is effective on May 1, 2009.

Where does the ordinance restrict smoking?

Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed public spaces, enclosed places of employment and within 10ft of any entry into an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited.

What is defined as an enclosed space?

Enclosed space is defined as all space between the floor and ceiling that is completely surrounded by walls on all sides that are four feet or more in height.

Am I allowed to smoke outside of an enclosed space?

Smoking is allowed outside of enclosed areas as long as it is not within 10 ft of an entrance(s) into the restricted area.

Is smoking allowed in private clubs?

Smoking is only allowed in private clubs if they have no employees and the club is not being used for a function to which the general public is admitted.

Does the ordinance restrict smoking in private residences?

Smoking is only restricted when the private residence is used as a licensed childcare, adult day care or health care facility.

Is smoking restricted in vehicles?

Smoking is restricted in vehicles transporting the public and when one or more of the occupants in vehicles used for performing employment responsibilities do not smoke.

Are businesses required to post "No Smoking" signs? If so where are the signs available?

"No Smoking" signs or the international "No Smoking" symbol must be clearly posted at all entrances into an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited. The City of Rock Hill has window and door "No Smoking" signs available for posting at the entrance(s) of enclosed areas. Appropriate signs may also be available at office supply stores. To request a free "No Smoking" sign from the City of Rock Hill, please call (803) 329-7016.

What are the penalties for smoking in a restricted area?

A business who fails to comply with the smoking restrictions is punishable by a fine of up to \$25.00 and repeated violations may result in the suspension or revocation of the occupancy permit or business license. A person who fails to comply with the smoking restrictions is punishable by a fine of up to \$25.00.

Where can I get a copy of the ordinance?

The smoking ban ordinance can be found on the City of Rock Hill website www.cityofrockhill.com via the link on the home page under "News" or directly at http://www.cityofrockhill.com/userfiles/file/documents/CRH_Smoking_Ban_Ordinance.pdf. You can also call (803) 329-7016 or (803) 326-3850 to obtain a copy of the ordinance.

Is there a number to call with questions?

Please contact Holly Eskridge at (803) 326-3850 or heskridge@cityofrockhill.com with any questions.