

Did you know?

- Tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution.
- Secondhand smoke contains more than 50 cancer-causing chemicals, and is itself a known human carcinogen.
- Breathing secondhand smoke is a cause of disease in non-smokers, including cancer, heart disease, respiratory problems and asthma attacks.
- Infants, children, teens, pregnant women and elderly people are at especially high risk for illnesses and complications related to tobacco smoke.
- Even brief exposure to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and increases the risk for heart disease and lung cancer.
- A smoke-filled workplace results in higher work absenteeism due to respiratory disease, lower productivity, high cleaning costs, increased health insurance rates and increased liability claims for diseases related to exposure to secondhand smoke.
- Even the most sophisticated ventilation systems cannot prevent the spread of secondhand smoke or remove the carcinogens from the air.
- The only way to protect non-smokers from the dangerous chemicals in secondhand smoke is to eliminate all smoking indoors.

For help in quitting smoking

- Call the Kansas toll-free Quitline: (866) KAN-STOP, (866) 526-7867
- Visit the CDC's interactive Web site at www.smokefree.gov.
- Ask your healthcare provider.

Other resources

- Harvey County Health Department
(316) 283-1637
- Newton Medical Center
(316) 283-2700
- Mirror Inc.
(316) 283-6743
- American Cancer Society
(800) 227-2345, www.cancer.org
- American Heart Association
(800) 968-2425, www.americanheart.org
- American Lung Association
(800) 586-4872, www.lungusa.org



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Newton's Clean Air Ordinance

An informational guide for
employers, business owners
and the public



Ordinance facts

The Newton Clean Air Ordinance No. 4646-07 is effective January 1, 2008. It prohibits smoking in all enclosed public places, all enclosed places of employment, and certain designated outdoor areas (see below).

Purpose

The intent of the Clean Air Ordinance is to protect the public health, safety and welfare by regulating smoking in areas where exposure to secondhand smoke presents particular dangers to the public and to employees.

Smoke-free environments

Regulated locations include, but are not limited to:

- Restaurants, bars and clubs
- Fraternal organizations and social clubs
- Retail stores
- Galleries, theaters and museums
- Indoor sports arenas and convention halls
- Restrooms, elevators, lobbies and hallways
- Banks, professional offices and meeting facilities
- Outdoor areas within 20 feet of public entrances, exits and ventilation intakes
- 20 feet around outdoor vendor areas, such as food or souvenir vendors

Business owners

Business owners and employers are encouraged to:

- Educate employees about the non-smoking regulations.
- Post “No Smoking” signs in all facilities and at entrances. Sample signs are illustrated at newtonkansas.com.
- Remove ashtrays and smoking receptacles from all areas where smoking is prohibited.

Business patrons

If you are a patron of a business and notice another patron is smoking, discretely bring this to the attention of management or an employee. They are responsible for initially addressing the violation.

After they address the situation, please convey your appreciation for their efforts and for providing you with a smoke-free establishment.

If, however, you believe that management failed to adequately address the situation, you may call the Newton Police Department to report the violation and management’s inability or unwillingness to rectify the offense. Your complaint will be recorded and investigated.



Enforcement

Effective date

Regulated locations must be in compliance with all provisions of the Clean Air Ordinance by January 1, 2008.

Responsibility

A business owner, operator or manager is responsible for taking reasonable steps to enforce the ordinance in their business. In addition, individuals are responsible for extinguishing smoking materials, or leaving the premises when requested to do so.

City enforcement

Enforcement is handled in the same manner as other ordinance violations. Violators are subject to being cited in Newton Municipal Court, and upon conviction, are subject to a fine as follows:

First violation: A fine of up to \$100.

Second violation within a year: A fine of up to \$200.

Subsequent violations within a year: A fine of up to \$500.

Learn more

Please note that this summary is not intended to be comprehensive or to provide an authoritative legal interpretation. For more detailed information about the ordinance, please refer to the actual text of the law:

You may access the ordinance at the City of Newton Web site, newtonkansas.com. To obtain a paper copy of the ordinance, please visit the City Clerk’s office on the third floor of City Hall, 201 E. Sixth St., between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday–Friday.