

CHAPTER 123: SMOKING IN WORKPLACES/PUBLIC PLACES

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§ 123.01 DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this chapter the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

"BAR." An establishment that is devoted to the serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption by guests on the premises and in which the serving of food is only incidental to the consumption of those beverages, including but not limited to, taverns, nightclubs, cocktail lounges, and cabarets.

"BUSINESS." A sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other business entity, either for-profit or not-for-profit, including retail establishments where goods or services are sold; professional corporations and other entities where legal, medical, dental, engineering, architectural, or other professional services are delivered; and private clubs.

"E-CIGARETTE." Any electronic device composed of a mouthpiece, heating element, battery, and electronic circuits that provides a vapor of liquid nicotine and/or other substances mixed with propylene glycol to the user as he or she simulates smoking. The term shall include such devices whether they are manufactured as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, or e-pipes, or under any other product name.

"EMPLOYEE." A person who works in consideration for direct or indirect wages or profit, or who volunteers his or her services for an employer.

"EMPLOYER." A person, business, partnership, association, corporation, including a municipal corporation, trust, or non-profit entity that employs the services of one or more individual persons.

"ENCLOSED AREA." All space between a floor and ceiling that is bounded by walls, doorways, or windows, whether open or closed, covering more than 50% of the combined surface area of the vertical planes constituting the perimeter of the area. A wall includes any retractable divider, garage door, or other physical barrier, whether temporary or permanent. A 0.011 gauge window screen with an 18 by 16 mesh count is not a wall.

"HEALTH CARE FACILITY." An office or institution providing care or treatment of diseases, whether physical, mental, or emotional, or other medical, physiological, or psychological conditions, including but not limited to, hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals or other clinics, including weight control clinics, nursing homes, long-term care facilities, homes for the aging or chronically ill, laboratories, and offices of surgeons, chiropractors, physical therapists, physicians, psychiatrists, dentists, and all specialists within these professions. This definition shall include all waiting rooms, hallways, private rooms, semi-private rooms, and wards within health care facilities.

"PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT." An area under the control of a public or private employer that employees normally frequent during the course of employment, including, but not limited to, work areas, private offices, employee lounges, restrooms, conference rooms, meeting rooms, classrooms, cafeterias, hallways, and vehicles. A private residence is not a "PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT" unless it is used as a child care, adult day care, or health care facility.

"PRIVATE CLUB." An organization, whether incorporated or not, which is the owner, lessee, or occupant of a building or portion thereof used exclusively for club purposes at all times, which is operated solely for a recreational, fraternal, social, patriotic, political, benevolent, or athletic purpose, but not for pecuniary gain, and which only sells alcoholic beverages incidental to its operation. The affairs and management of the organization are conducted by a board of directors, executive committee, or similar body chosen by the members at an annual meeting. The organization has established bylaws and/or a constitution to govern its activities. The organization has been granted, an exemption from the payment of federal income tax as a club under 26 U.S.C. Section 501.

"PUBLIC PLACE." An enclosed area to which the public is invited or in which the public is permitted, including but not limited to, banks, bars, educational facilities, gaming facilities, health care facilities, hotels and motels, laundromats, public transportation vehicles and facilities, reception areas, restaurants, retail food production and marketing establishments, retail service establishments, retail stores, shopping malls, sports arenas, theaters, and waiting rooms. A private residence is not a "PUBLIC PLACE" unless it is used as a child care, adult day care, or health care facility.

"RESTAURANT." An eating establishment, including but not limited to, coffee shops, cafeterias, sandwich stands, and private and public school cafeterias, which gives or offers for sale food to the public, guests, or employees, as well as kitchens and catering facilities in which food is prepared on the premises for serving elsewhere. The term "restaurant" shall include a bar area within the restaurant.

"SERVICE LINE." An indoor line in which one or more persons are waiting for or receiving service of any kind, whether or not the service involves the exchange of money, including but not limited to, ATM lines, concert lines, food vendor lines, movie ticket lines, and sporting event lines.

"SHOPPING MALL." An enclosed public walkway or hall area that serves to connect retail or professional establishments.

"SMOKING." Inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, in any manner or in any form. "SMOKING" also includes the use of an e-cigarette which creates a vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this chapter.

"SPORTS ARENA." A place where people assemble indoors to engage in physical exercise, participate in athletic competition, or witness sports or other events, including but not limited to sports pavilions, gymnasiums, health spas, boxing arenas, swimming pools, roller and ice rinks, and bowling alleys.

(Ord. B2010-04, passed 3-9-10)

§ 123.02 APPLICATION OF CHAPTER TO BARDSTOWN-OWNED FACILITIES.

All vehicles and enclosed facilities, including buildings owned, leased, or operated by the City of Bardstown, shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. B2010-04, passed 3-9-10)

§ 123.03 PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN ENCLOSED PUBLIC PLACES.

Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed public places within the City of Bardstown, including but not limited to, the following places:

(A) Areas available to the general public in businesses and non-profit entities patronized by the public, including but not limited to, banks, laundromats, professional offices, and retail service establishments;

(B) Bars;

(C) Bingo facilities;

- (D) Child care and adult day care facilities;
- (E) Convention facilities;
- (F) Educational facilities, both public and private.
- (G) Elevators;
- (H) Galleries, libraries, and museums;
- (I) Gaming facilities;
- (J) Health care facilities;

(K) Lobbies, hallways, and other common areas in hotels and motels, as well as in apartment buildings, condominiums, trailer parks, retirement facilities, nursing homes, and other multiple-unit residential facilities.

(L) Polling places;

(M) Public transportation vehicles, including buses and taxicabs, under the authority of the City of Bardstown, and ticket, boarding, and waiting areas of public transportation facilities, including bus, train, and airport facilities;

(N) Restaurants;

(O) Restrooms, lobbies, reception areas, hallways, and other common-use areas;

(P) Retail stores;

(Q) Rooms, chambers, places of meeting or public assembly, including school buildings, under the control of an agency, board, commission, committee or council of the City of Bardstown or a political subdivision of the state, to the extent the place is subject to the jurisdiction of the City of Bardstown.

(R) Service lines which are indoors;

(S) Shopping malls;

(T) Sports arenas: enclosed places associated with outdoor arenas;

(U) Theaters and other facilities primarily used for exhibiting motion pictures, stage dramas, lectures, musical recitals, or other similar performances.

(Ord. B2010-04, passed 3-9-10) Penalty, see § 123.99

§ 123.04 PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN ENCLOSED PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT.

(A) Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed places of employment, without exception.

(B) This prohibition on smoking shall be communicated to all existing employees by the effective date of this chapter and to all prospective employees upon their application for employment.

(Ord. B2010-04, passed 3-9-10) Penalty, see § 123.99

§ 123.05 PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN PRIVATE CLUBS.

Smoking shall be prohibited in all private clubs.

(Ord. B2010-04, passed 3-9-10) Penalty, see § 123.99

§ 123.06 PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN ENCLOSED RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES.

Smoking shall be prohibited in the following enclosed residential facilities: All private and semi-private rooms in nursing homes.

(Ord. B2010-04, passed 3-9-10) Penalty, see § 123.99

§ 123.07 PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN OUTDOOR AREAS.

Smoking shall be prohibited within a reasonable distance of outside entrances, operable windows, and ventilation systems of enclosed areas where smoking is prohibited, so as to ensure that tobacco smoke does not enter those areas.

(Ord. B2010-04, passed 3-9-10) Penalty, see § 123.99

§ 123.08 WHERE SMOKING NOT REGULATED.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, the following areas shall be exempt from the provisions of §§ 123.03 and 123.04:

(A) Private residences, unless used as a childcare, adult day care, or health care facility, and except as provided in § 123.06;

(B) Outdoor areas of places of employment except those covered by the provisions of § 123.07.

(Ord. B2010-04, passed 3-9-10) Penalty, see § 123.99

§ 123.09 DECLARATION OF ESTABLISHMENT AS NONSMOKING.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, an owner, operator, manager, or other person in control of an establishment, facility, or outdoor area may declare that entire establishment, facility, or outdoor area as a nonsmoking place. Smoking shall be prohibited in any place in which a sign conforming to the requirements of § 123.10(A) is posted.

(Ord. B2010-04, passed 3-9-10) Penalty, see § 123.99

§ 123.10 POSTING OF SIGNS AND REMOVAL OF ASHTRAYS.

(A) "No Smoking" signs or the international "No Smoking" symbol (consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a red bar across it) shall be clearly and conspicuously posted in every public place and place of employment where smoking is prohibited by this chapter, by the owner, operator, manager, or other person in control of that place.

(B) Every public place and place of employment where smoking is prohibited by this chapter shall have posted at every entrance a conspicuous sign clearly stating that smoking is prohibited. Every vehicle that constitutes a place of employment under this chapter shall have at least one conspicuous sign, visible from the exterior of the vehicle, clearly stating that smoking is prohibited.

(C) All ashtrays intended for use on the premises shall be removed from any area where smoking is prohibited by this chapter by the owner, operator, manager, or other person having control of the area.
(Ord. B2010-04, passed 3-9-10) Penalty, see § 123.99

§ 123.11 NONRETALIATION; NONWAIVER OF RIGHTS.

(A) No person or employer shall discharge, refuse to hire, or in any manner retaliate against an employee, applicant for employment, or customer because that employee, applicant, or customer exercises any rights afforded by this chapter or reports or attempts to prosecute a violation of this chapter. Notwithstanding § 123.99, violation of this division shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 for each violation.

(B) An employee who works in a setting where an employer allows smoking does not waive or otherwise surrender any legal rights the employee may have against the employer or any other party.
(Ord. B2010-04, passed 3-9-10; Am. Ord. B2011-23, passed 12-27-11) Penalty, see § 123.99

§ 123.12 ENFORCEMENT.

(A) This chapter shall be enforced by the Bardstown Police Department and the Code Enforcement Officer of the City of Bardstown.

(B) Notice of the provisions of this chapter shall be given to all current license holders and all applicants for a business license in the City of Bardstown.

(C) An owner, manager, operator, or person in charge of an establishment, facility, or agency regulated by this chapter shall inform persons violating this chapter of the appropriate provisions thereof. Employees of establishments, facilities, or agencies regulated by this chapter shall inform the owner, manager, operator, or person in charge that a violation is occurring.

(D) The Bardstown/Nelson County Health Department, the Bardstown Volunteer Fire Department, the Bardstown Code Enforcement Office, or their designees shall, while an establishment is undergoing otherwise mandated inspections, inspect for compliance with this chapter.

(E) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, an employee or private citizen may bring legal action to enforce this chapter.

(F) In addition to the remedies provided by the provisions of this section, the Bardstown Police Department, Code Enforcement Office or any person aggrieved by the failure of the owner, operator, manager, or other person in control of a public place or a place of employment to comply with the provisions of this chapter may apply for injunctive relief to enforce those provisions in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(G) Any citizen who desires to register a complaint under this chapter may initiate enforcement with the Bardstown Police Department or Code Enforcement Office.

(Ord. B2010-04, passed 3-9-10)

§ 123.13 PUBLIC EDUCATION.

The Community Prevention Center and the Bardstown/Nelson County Health Department shall engage in a continuing program to explain and clarify the purposes and requirements of this chapter to citizens affected by it, and to guide owners, operators, and managers in their compliance with it. The program may include publication of a brochure for affected businesses and individuals explaining the provisions of this chapter.
(Ord. B2010-04, passed 3-9-10)

§ 123.14 GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY COOPERATION.

The Code Enforcement Officer shall from time-to-time request other governmental and educational agencies having facilities within the City of Bardstown to establish local operating procedures in cooperation and compliance with this chapter. This includes urging all federal, state, county and school district agencies to update their existing smoking control regulations to be consistent with the current health findings regarding secondhand smoke.
(Ord. B2010-04, passed 3-9-10)

§ 123.15 OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS.

This chapter shall not be interpreted or construed to permit smoking where it is otherwise restricted by other applicable laws.
(Ord. B2010-04, passed 3-9-10)

§ 123.16 LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION.

This chapter shall be construed so as to further its stated purposes.
(Ord. B2010-04, passed 3-9-10)

§ 123.99 PENALTY.

(A) A person who smokes in an area where smoking is prohibited by the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation, punishable by a fine not exceeding \$50 plus court costs.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in § 123.11(A), a person who owns, manages, operates, or otherwise controls a public place or place of employment and who fails to comply with the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation, punishable by:

(1) A fine not exceeding \$100 plus court costs for a first violation;

(2) A fine not exceeding \$200 plus court costs for a second violation within one year of the first violation date;

(3) A fine not exceeding \$250 plus court costs for each additional violation within one year of the second violation date.

(C) In addition to the fines established by this section, violation of this chapter by a person who owns, manages, operates, or otherwise controls a public place or place of employment may result in the suspension or revocation of any permit or license issued to the person for the premises on which the violation occurred.

(D) Violation of this chapter is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, which may be abated by the Bardstown Police Department or Code Enforcement Office by restraining order, preliminary and permanent injunction, or other means provided for by law, and the City of Bardstown may take action to recover the costs of the nuisance abatement.

(E) Each day on which a violation of this chapter occurs shall be considered a separate and distinct violation.
(Ord. B2010-04, passed 3-9-10)