

What is the purpose of the ordinance?

It is to protect public health by eliminating people's exposure to secondhand smoke at workplaces and public places.

The U. S. Surgeon General and other health authorities have determined that secondhand smoke is not a mere annoyance, but is a cause for diseases including lung cancer, heart disease, stroke, emphysema, bronchitis and asthma.

Does this apply to my facility?

The ordinance applies to all enclosed areas of employment and indoor public places, including private clubs when utilizing the services of compensated employees.

The ordinance does not apply to: outdoor places of employment; private residences (unless used as a childcare, adult day care or health care facility); or up to 20% of hotel/motel guest rooms.

The ordinance can be viewed in its entirety on the City's website www.rollacity.org/smokefree

What about bingo facilities, bowling alleys and bars?

The ordinance specifically prohibits smoking in those facilities along with all other places of indoor employment.

What does the smoke-free ordinance require me to do?

You need to inform your employees and customers that smoking is no longer permitted indoors. You need to post appropriate signs. You cannot knowingly allow anyone to violate the law in your establishment. You may want to direct your employees and customers to an outdoor location where smoking is permitted.

Posting signs

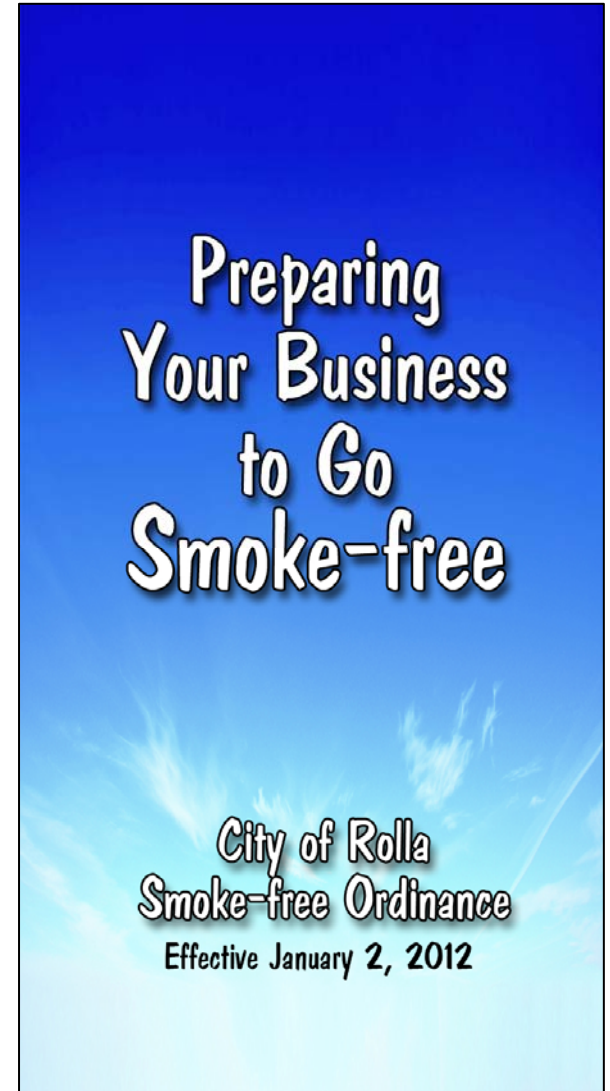
Signs prohibiting smoking (min. size of 6"x3") must be clearly posted at each entrance.

Free "no smoking" posters and decals are available from the Finance Department at City Hall. You may also download signs from the city's website www.rollacity.org/smokefree

or purchase "No Smoking" signs from local office supply, hardware and home improvement stores.

Where can I direct people to smoke?

Those wanting to smoke simply need to step outside.



When does Rolla go smoke-free?

This begins Monday, January 2, 2012. The ordinance ensures that employees in indoor workplaces and guests of public places can breathe clean, smoke-free air.

How will the new ordinance be enforced?

Most people obey ordinances and enforcement usually isn't an issue. The person in charge of the business has a responsibility to inform employees, customers and visitors of the ordinance.

The Rolla Police Department and City Administration will be the primary agency enforcing the ordinance.

Other agencies with inspection services, such as the Division of Building Codes and the County Health Department will assist with education and enforcement as they conduct other business inspection services.

What are the penalties?

Individuals who smoke where smoking is prohibited may be fined up to \$50.

Business owners, managers or persons otherwise in charge of a public place or workplace that violate the ordinance may be fined:

- up to \$100 for a first violation;
- up to \$200 for a second violation within one year; and
- up to \$500 for each additional violation within one (1) year.

In addition, repeat violations may result in suspension or revocation of any business license or operating permit.

How will complaints be made?

Complaints of smoking in violation of the ordinance may be filed by employees, customers or visitors.

Complaints may be filed in person at City Hall, online at www.rollacity.org/smokefree or by calling City Administration at (573) 426-6948.

Police officers observing a violation may also issue a citation.

How do I deal with customers who light up?

You or your staff must remind your customers of the ordinance.

Politely explain they must step outside to smoke.

If a customer refuses to comply after being informed of the ordinance, then follow your business' policy on dealing with difficult customers or contact the police at (573)308-1213 for assistance.

Can employees smoke in a break room?

No. If employees want to smoke, they will need to step outside.

Am I required to remove all ashtrays?

Providing ashtrays sends a mixed signal to customers that smoking may be allowed, but the City's ordinance does not specifically require the removal of ashtrays.

Where can I find information on how to quit smoking?

Phelps County Regional Medical Center offers free quit-smoking classes. Please call PCRMC at 573-458-7691 for details. Also, the Missouri Tobacco Quitline:

- provides personal coaching sessions,
- a packet of information with quitting techniques, and for those that qualify,
- a free four-week supply of nicotine replacement patches or gum.

