

CITY OF HODGENVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-07

**AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE
BY REGULATING SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT**

Whereas, pursuant to KRS 61.165, local municipalities are permitted to adopt policies prohibiting indoor smoking within workplaces under their jurisdiction, and

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Hodgenville has made findings establishing the positive economic impacts that the regulation of smoking within workplaces has on a community; and

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Hodgenville has made findings establishing that the smoking of tobacco products produces a form of air pollution, which is a danger to health and a material public nuisance; and, after significant study and debate of the issues, deems it to be in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Hodgenville, Kentucky, to adopt this regulation of smoking in all public places and places of employment within the City of Hodgenville.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HODGENVILLE, KENTUCKY
AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION1: Findings and Intent

The City Council of Hodgenville finds that:

A. According to numerous studies, tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution. Breathing secondhand smoke is a cause of disease in healthy non-smokers. These diseases include heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and lung cancer. The U.S. Surgeon General determined in 2014 that secondhand smoke is responsible for the early deaths of up to 41,000 Americans annually. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The health consequences of smoking- 50 years of progress. A report of the surgeon general Atlanta: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office on Smoking and Health, 2014).

B. The U.S. Surgeon General has determined that at least 250 chemicals in secondhand smoke are known to be toxic or to cause cancer. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Health Consequences of Inventory Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Report of the Surgeon. Atlanta GA: Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease and Prevention and Promotion, Office on Smoking and Health; 2006).

C. Secondhand smoke is particularly hazardous to the elderly, individuals with cardiovascular disease, and individuals with impaired respiratory function, including asthmatics and those with obstructed airway disease. Children exposed to secondhand smoke have an increased risk of asthma, respiratory infections, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), developmental abnormalities, and cancer (California Environmental Protection Agency (2005). Proposed Identification of Environmental tobacco Smoke as a Toxic Air Containment. Sacramento, CA, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, California Environmental Protection Agency).

D. Smoke-filled workplaces result in higher worker absenteeism due to respiratory disease, lower productivity, higher cleaning and maintenance costs, increased health insurance rates, and increased liability claims for disease related to exposure to secondhand smoke. ("The high price of cigarette smoking," Business & Health 15(8), Supplement A;6-9, August 1997).

E. The Environmental Protection Agency has determined that secondhand smoke cannot be reduced to safe levels in businesses by high rates of ventilation. Air cleaners, which are only capable of filtering the particulate matter and odors in smoke, do not eliminate the known toxins in secondhand smoke. (Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)), "indoor air facts no. 5: environmental tobacco smoke, "Washington, D.C.: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), June 1989).

Accordingly, the City Council of Hodgenville adopts the foregoing as justification for this Ordinance, the purpose of which is:

1. To protect the public health and welfare by prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment; and
2. To guarantee the right of nonsmokers to breathe smoke-free air; and
3. To recognize that the public's need to breathe smoke-free air shall have priority over the individuals desire to smoke.

SECTION 2. Definitions

The following words and phrases, whenever used in this Ordinance, shall be construed as defined in this section:

- A. "Alternative nicotine product" means a noncombustible product containing nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means.
- B. "Business" means 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, or other professional services are delivered; and private clubs.
- C. "Employee" means a person who is employed by an employer in consideration for direct or indirect monetary wages or profit, and a person who volunteers his or her services for a business.
- D. "Employer" means a person, business, association, municipal corporation, or trust, with one or more employees.
- E. "Enclosed Area" means all space between a floor and ceiling that is closed in on all sides by doors, walls, garage doors, roll up doors, or windows, whether open or closed, the combination of which extend from the floor to the ceiling. A wall includes any physical barrier, whether temporary or permanent.
- F. "Health Care Facility" means 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, homes for the aging or chronically ill, laboratories, and offices of surgeons, chiropractors, physical therapists, physicians dentists, and all specialists within these professions. This definition shall include all waiting rooms, hallways, private rooms, semiprivate rooms, and wards within health care facilities.

G. "Place of Employment" means any area under the control of a public or private employer that employees normally frequent during the course of employment, including but not limited to, common work areas, auditoriums, private offices, elevators, medical facilities, stairs, employee lounges, restrooms, classrooms, cafeterias, hallways, and work vehicles. A private residence is not a "place of employment" unless it is used as a childcare, adult day care or health care facility.

H. "Private Club" means an organization, whether incorporated or not, which is the owner, lessee, or occupant of a building or portion thereof 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 by-laws 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.

I. "Public Place" means 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, health care facilities, hotel and motel lobbies, laundromats, polling places, public transportation facilities, reception areas, restaurants, retail food production and marketing establishments, retail service establishments, retail stores, shopping malls, sports arenas, theaters, service lines and waiting rooms. A private club is a "public place" when being used for a function to which the general public is invited. A private residence is not a "public place" unless it is used as a childcare, adult day care, or health care facility.

J. "Restaurant" means 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.

K. "Retail Tobacco Store" means a retail store utilized primarily for the sale of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, vapor products and accessories and in which the sale of other products is merely incidental.

L. "Service Line" means an indoor line in which one (1) or more persons are waiting for or receiving service of any kind, whether or not the service involves the exchange of money.

M. "Shopping Mall" or "Flea Markets" means an enclosed public walkway or hall area that serves to connect retail, professional establishments, or booths.

N. "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, heating, or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or any other combustible tobacco product or vapor product.

O. "Sports Arena" means sports pavilions, stadium, gyms, health spas, boxing arenas, swimming pools, roller and ice rinks, bowling alleys, and other similar places where members of the general public assemble to engage in physical exercise, participate in athletic competition, or witness sports or other events.

P. "Tobacco Product" means any cigarette, cigar, snuff, smokeless tobacco product, smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco, and any kind or form of tobacco prepared in a manner suitable for chewing or smoking or both, or any kind or form of tobacco that is suitable to be placed in a person's mouth.

Q. "Vapor product" means any noncombustible product that employs a heating element, battery, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size and including the component parts and accessories thereto, that can be used to deliver vaporized nicotine or other substances to users inhaling from the device. Vapor products include but are not limited to any electronic pipe, electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and every variation thereof, regardless of whether marketed as such, and any vapor cartridge or other container of a liquid solution or other material that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or other similar product or device.

SECTION 3. Application of Ordinance to City-Owned or City Operated Facilities

Facilities including all buildings and vehicles owned or operated by the City shall constitute "public areas" as defined in Section 2 and shall be governed by this Ordinance. In addition to penalties established by this Ordinance, a violation of this policy by a city employee on or in city property will be cause for disciplinary measures against such employee by supervisory personnel under applicable employee policies and procedures.

SECTION 4. Prohibition of Smoking in Enclosed Public Places

Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed public places, as defined in Section 2 above, within the City of Hodgenville, Kentucky.

SECTION 5. Prohibition of Smoking in Places of Employment

A. Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed places of employment.

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

SECTION 6. Prohibition of Smoking in Outdoor Arenas and Stadiums

Smoking is prohibited in the seating areas of all outdoor arenas and stadiums and amphitheaters.

SECTION 7. Reasonable Distance

Any designated outdoor smoking areas shall occur at a reasonable distance from any entrance, exit, window or ventilation units of any enclosed area where smoking is prohibited to ensure that tobacco smoke does not enter the area through entrances, windows ventilation systems or any other means. In no instance shall a designated outdoor smoking area be permitted within twenty-five (25) feet from the entrance to any enclosed area. A greater distance may be imposed by the property owner.

SECTION 8. Where Smoking is not Regulated

Notwithstanding any other provision of this ordinance to the contrary, the following areas shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 4 and 5:

- A. Private residences except when used as a licensed childcare, adult day care or health care facility.
- B. Hotel and motel rooms that are rented to guests and are designated as smoking rooms; provided, however, that not more than twenty percent (20%) of rooms rented to guests in a hotel or motel may be so designated. All smoking rooms on the same floor must be contiguous. Smoke from the designated smoking rooms shall not infiltrate into areas where smoking is prohibited under the provisions of this ordinance. The status of rooms as smoking or nonsmoking may not be changed, except to add additional nonsmoking rooms.
- C. Retail Tobacco stores, provided that smoke from these premises does not infiltrate into areas where smoking is prohibited under the provisions of this ordinance.
- D. Private clubs and businesses that have no employees, provided that smoke from these premises does not infiltrate into areas where smoking is prohibited under the provisions of this ordinance. When such clubs or businesses are being used for functions to which the general public is invited, the prohibitions set out in Sections 4 and 5 shall apply.
- E. Outdoor areas of places of employment, except those covered by the provisions of Sections 6 and 7, provided that smoke from these premises does not infiltrate into areas where smoking is prohibited under the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 9. Declaration of Establishment as Non-Smoking

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this ordinance, an owner, operator, manager, or other authorized person in control of an establishment, facility, or outdoor areas may declare that entire establishment facility or outdoor area as a nonsmoking place regardless of its designation under this ordinance. In such areas designated as non-smoking, signs must be posted according to the specifications listed in Section 10 and smoking will not be allowed as if those areas were subject to the prohibitions of Sections 4 through 6 of this ordinance.

SECTION 10. Posting of Signs

- 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 area where smoking is prohibited by this ordinance by the owner, operator, manager, or other person having control of such building or other area.
- B. Every area where smoking is prohibited by this ordinance shall have posted at every entrance a conspicuous sign clearly stating that smoking is prohibited.

SECTION 11. Ashtrays; Spent Smoking Materials

All ashtrays shall be removed from any area within which this ordinance or the owner, operator, manager, or other person having control of the area prohibits smoking, except for ashtrays displayed for sale and not for use on the premises. Spent smoking materials shall be properly discarded and not littered on the grounds of any property, including the City sidewalks.

SECTION 12. Non-Retaliation and Non-Waiver of Rights

A. No person or employer shall discharge, refuse to hire or in any manner retaliate against any employee, applicant for employment, or customer because such employee, applicant, or customer exercises any right to a smoke-free environment afforded by this ordinance.

B. An employee who continues to work in a setting where an employer allows smoking in violation of this ordinance does not waive or otherwise surrender any legal rights the employee may have against the employer or any other party.

SECTION 13. Enforcement

A. The City Code Enforcement Officer shall enforce this ordinance.

B. Notice of the provisions of this ordinance shall be given to all applicants for a business license in the City of Hodgenville.

C. Any citizen who desires to register a complaint under this ordinance may initiate enforcement with the City Code Enforcement Officer.

D. The Fire Department, while in an establishment performing otherwise legal inspections, shall inspect for compliance with this ordinance.

E. If the City Code Enforcement Officer or owner, manager, operator of an establishment subject to this ordinance observes a person violating the ordinance, he or she shall immediately direct the person in violation to stop smoking. If the person violating the ordinance does not stop smoking, the City Code Enforcement Officer, owner, manager, or operator, shall ask the person to leave the premises. If the person in violation refuses to leave, the City Code Enforcement Officer, owner, manager, or operator shall call the police. In no event may the City Code Enforcement Officer, owner, manager, or operator forcibly remove the person violating the ordinance. Compliance is achieved under this subsection if the City Code Enforcement Officer, owner, manager, or operator follows these steps.

F. Notwithstanding any other provision of this ordinance, the City, an employee, or any person aggrieved by a failure to comply with this Ordinance, whether by commission or omission, including violations on the part of an owner, manager, operator, or other person(s) in control of a public place of employment covered by this ordinance, may bring legal action to enforce this ordinance either by civil action seeking injunctive relief or by criminal complaint in a court of competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 14. Violations and Penalties

A. A person who smokes in an area where smoking is prohibited by the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation, punishable by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense and a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the second offense.

B. 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 ordinance shall be guilty of a violation, punishable by:

1. A fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a first violation within a one-year (1) period.
2. A fine not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for a second violation within one (1) year.
3. A fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each additional violation within one (1) year.

C. In addition to the fines established by this section, violations of this ordinance 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 ordinance is declared to be a public nuisance, which may be abated by the city or its designated agents by restraining order, preliminary, and permanent injunction, or other means provided for by law. The City may recover the reasonable costs of any court enforcement action seeking abatement of this nuisance.

E. Each day on which a violation of this ordinance occurs shall be considered a separate and distinct violation.

SECTION 15. Public Education

The City of Hodgenville shall seek assistance to provide continuing education programs to explain and clarify the purposes and requirements of this regulation to citizens affected by it, and to guide owners, operators, and managers in their compliance with it. Such programs may include publication of a brochure for affected businesses and individuals explaining the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 16. Governmental Agency Cooperation

The city requests the assistance of the agencies listed in Section 13 of this document in order to effectively implement this ordinance.

SECTION 17. Other Applicable Laws

This ordinance shall not be interpreted or construed to permit smoking where it is otherwise restricted by other applicable laws.

SECTION 18. Construction

This ordinance shall be construed so as to further its stated purposes.

SECTION 19. Severability

If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance or its application to any person or factual context shall be held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, which may be given effect independent of the provision or application declared invalid.


SECTION 20. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect no later than ninety (90) days from and after passage, approval, and publication.


First reading: April 13, 2020

Second reading: April 23, 2020

Approval date: April 23, 2020



Jim Phelps, Mayor



Toni Burton City Clerk