

**CITY OF ELIZABETHTOWN, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 24-2006**

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

WHEREAS, the City Council has made findings establishing that the smoking of tobacco products produces a form of air pollution, 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 interests of the citizens of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, to adopt this regulation of smoking in public places and places of employment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTOWN, KENTUCKY, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Intent: The Elizabethtown City Council finds that:

Whereas numerous studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution. Breathing secondhand smoke is a cause of disease in healthy nonsmokers. These diseases include heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease and lung cancer.

Whereas, the U.S. Surgeon General has issued a comprehensive scientific report which concludes that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke. (Department of Health and Human Services. New Surgeon General's Report Focuses on the Effects of Secondhand Smoke. Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control, 2006.)

Whereas, the smoking of tobacco is a form of air pollution, a danger to health and a material public nuisance.

Accordingly, the Elizabethtown City Council 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 individual's 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. "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, architectural, or other professional services are delivered; and private clubs.

B. "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 non-profit entity.

C. "Employer means 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.

D. "Enclosed Area" means all space between a floor and ceiling that is enclosed on all sides by solid walls or windows (exclusive of doorways), which extend from the floor to the ceiling.

E. "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.

F. "Place of Employment" means 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, employee lounges, restrooms, conference rooms, meeting rooms, classrooms, employee cafeterias and hallways. A private residence is not a "place of employment" unless it is used as a childcare, adult day care, or health care facility.

G. "Private Club" means 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.

H. "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, 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.

I. "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.

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

K. "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.

L. "Shopping Mall" means an enclosed public walkway or hall area that serves to connect retail or professional establishments.

M. "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or other lighted tobacco product or any other lighted substance, whether otherwise legally possessed or consumed such as marijuana, in any manner or in any form.

N. "Sports Arena" means sports pavilions, stadiums, gymnasiums, 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.

Section 3. Application of Ordinance to City-owned and County-owned Facilities:
Smoking policies concerning facilities owned or operated by the City, County or Commonwealth shall be governed by regulations adopted in compliance with KRS 61.165.

Section 4. Prohibition of Smoking in Enclosed Public Places:
Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed public places as defined in Section 2. H., above, within the City of Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

Section 5. Prohibition of Smoking in Places of Employment:

A. Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed facilities within places of employment. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to common work areas, auditoriums, classrooms, conference and meeting rooms, private offices, elevators, hallways, medical facilities, cafeterias, employee lounges, stairs and restrooms.

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, stadiums and amphitheaters.

Section 7. Reasonable Distance:

Smoking is prohibited within a reasonable distance of at least fifteen (15) feet from the outside entrance to or open windows of any enclosed area in which smoking is prohibited by this Ordinance and from the air intake of a ventilation system serving an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited, in order to insure tobacco smoke does not enter that enclosed area through entrances, windows, ventilation systems or other means.

Section 8. Where Smoking Not Regulated:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance to the contrary, the following areas shall be exempt from the provisions of Sections 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 that have no employees; provided that when such clubs 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.

Section 9. Declaration of Establishment as Nonsmoking:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, an owner, operator, manager or other authorized person in control of an establishment, facility, or outdoor area may declare that entire establishment, facility, or outdoor area as a nonsmoking place regardless of its designation under this Ordinance. Within such premises as an authorized nonsmoking designation has been made and signage conforming

to the specifications set out in Section 10, A, is posted, smoking shall be prohibited as if otherwise prohibited by 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 public place and place of employment where smoking is prohibited by this Ordinance. The party responsible for the placement of the signage is the owner, operator, manager or other person in control of the premises.

B. A conspicuous sign clearly stating that smoking is prohibited shall be posted at each entrance utilized by the public entering and exiting public places within which smoking is prohibited by this Ordinance. A conspicuous sign clearly stating that smoking is prohibited shall be posted at each entrance utilized by employees entering and exiting places of employment within which smoking is prohibited by this Ordinance.

C. 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.

Section 11. Non-retaliation and Non-waiver 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 Ordinance or reports or attempts to prosecute a violation of 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 12. Enforcement:

A. The City's Code Enforcement Officer, the City Police, the Fire Department and all other City officials and employees designated by the Mayor or City Council 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 Elizabethtown.

C. Any citizen who desires to register a complaint under this Ordinance may initiate enforcement with any of the authorized persons listed above.

D. The Health Department, Fire Department, or their designees shall, while in an establishment performing otherwise legal inspections shall inspect for compliance with this Ordinance.

E. Owners, managers, operators or employees of establishments regulated by this Ordinance shall inform persons seen violating this Ordinance of the requirements of this Ordinance. In the event an owner, manager, operator or employee of an establishment regulated by this Ordinance observes a person or persons violating this Ordinance, he or she shall immediately direct the person or persons in violation to extinguish the item being smoked.

1. In the event the person [or persons] violating this Ordinance complies with this directive; no violation shall exist for the owner, manager, operator or employee witnessing the violation. In the event an owner, manager, operator or employee of an establishment regulated by this Ordinance observes a person or persons violating this Ordinance and fails to immediately direct the person [or persons] in violation to extinguish the item being smoked, the owner, manager, operator or employee failing to take appropriate steps required by this Ordinance shall be in violation of this Ordinance.

2. In the event the person [or persons] violating this Ordinance fails or refuses to comply with this directive, the owner, manager, operator or employee directing the person [or persons] violating this Ordinance shall take immediate and reasonable steps to obtain the removal of the person [or persons] from the premises.

As an example of the reasonableness required, if there is a person violating the ordinance who, the owner, manager, operator or employee of an establishment regulated by this Ordinance is required to remove from the premises, but the person is intoxicated or otherwise reasonably believed to be unable to safely drive or conduct himself or herself if required to leave those premises, in this event the owner, manager, operator or employee may reasonably determine to allow the person violating this ordinance to remain on the premises until appropriate arrangements may be made for the person's removal.

In the event the person [or persons] violating this Ordinance is timely removed from the premises; no violation shall exist for any owner, manager, operator or employee related to the establishment in which these events occurred. In no event is an owner or agent of the premises to forcibly remove the person violating the Ordinance. Compliance is achieved under this subsection if the owner or agent of the premises orders the person violating the Ordinance to leave its premises and promptly notifies the police if the person refuses.

3. In the event the person [or persons] violating this Ordinance fails or refuses to comply with this directive and the owner, manager, operator or employee who observed the violation or if a different person who directed the person [or persons] in violation to leave the premises, fails to take immediate and reasonable steps to obtain the removal of the person [or persons] from the premises, the owner, manager, operator or employee

failing to take appropriate steps required by this Ordinance shall be in violation of this Ordinance.

4. In all events, the establishment in which a violation occurs shall be in violation of this Ordinance for each violation that occurs on its premises and in connection with which the owner, manager, operator or employee fail to take appropriate steps required by this Ordinance.

5. An employee who observes a person [or persons] violating this Ordinance may immediately notify his or her owner, manager or supervisor of the violation in satisfaction of the employee's responsibility under this Ordinance. The failure of the employee's owner, manager or supervisor to take appropriate steps required by this Ordinance in response to the employee's notice shall not constitute a violation on the part of the employee.

6. In the event all duties required under this Section are satisfied yet the person violating this Ordinance persists in his or her violation and/or refuses to vacate the premises on which the violation occurred, the owner, manager, supervisor and/or employee shall immediately contact one or more of the agencies or departments authorized above to enforce this Ordinance informing the agency or department of the circumstances of the violation.

7. The mere presence of a person smoking within premises of an establishment governed by this Ordinance does not constitute a violation on the part of the establishment. The establishment and its agents shall only be charged for a violation of this Ordinance if the responsible agent[s] of the establishment fail to timely satisfy each responsibility prescribed for them in this Section.

F. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, the City, the Hardin County Health Department, 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, operator, manager, employee or other person[s] in control of a public place or a 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 13. 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).

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 fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a first violation within a one-year period.

2. A fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a second violation within one (1) year.

3. A fine not exceeding two fifty hundred 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 14. Code Enforcement Board: Any person or entity cited under this ordinance may appeal said citation and request a hearing before the Code Enforcement Board. The process for said appeal shall be governed by Section 34 of the Elizabethtown Code of Ordinances.

Section 15. Governmental Agency Cooperation: The City requests the Hardin County Health Department for its assistance in the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

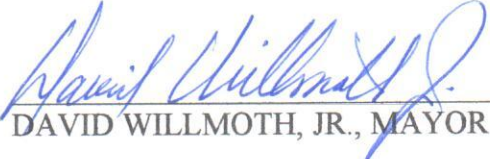
Section 16. Other Applicable Laws: This Ordinance shall not be interpreted or construed to permit smoking where it is otherwise restricted by other applicable laws.

Section 17. Construction: This Ordinance shall be construed so as to further its stated purposes.

Section 18. 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 19. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be effective the 1st day of December, 2006. The foregoing Ordinance was read for the first time on the 2nd day of October, 2006, read for the second time, passed and approved on the 16th day of October, 2006

APPROVED BY:



DAVID WILLMOTH, JR., MAYOR

ATTESTED TO:



MARY CHAUDOIN, CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2007

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTOWN, KENTUCKY
AMENDING AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF
THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE BY REGULATING SMOKING
IN PUBLIC PLACES AND PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT**

BE IT ORDAINED that from and thereafter the passage, approval and publication of this Ordinance, Ordinance No. 24-2006, Section 3 is amended to add the following language:


Section 3: Application of Ordinance to City-owned and County-owned Facilities: Smoking policies concerning facilities owned or operated by the City, County or Commonwealth shall be governed by regulations adopted in compliance with KRS 61.165.

Pursuant to KRS 61.165 smoking is prohibited in all City-owned facilities and buildings.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor of the City of Elizabethtown and/or his designate be and he is hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to perfect this Ordinance.

READ THE FIRST TIME, this 5th day of February, 2007.

READ, ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this 20th day of February, 2007.



DAVID WILLMOTH, JR., MAYOR

ATTESTED TO:



MARY CHAUDOIN, CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETHTOWN, KENTUCKY
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 24-2006 RELATING TO SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES
AND PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT

WHEREAS, the Elizabethtown City Council desires to protect the health and safety of its residents, workers and visitors in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Elizabethtown City Council previously passed an ordinance to protect the health and safety of its residents, workers and visitors and wishes to clarify standards for the further protection of the public health.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Elizabethtown, Kentucky that from and after the passage, approval and publication of this ordinance that Ordinance No. 24-2006 be amended as follows:

Section 2. Definitions: The following words and phrases, whenever used in this Ordinance, shall be construed as defined in this Section:

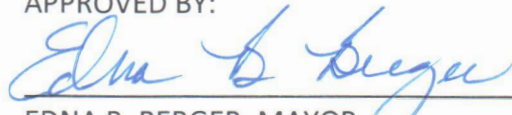
M. "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, or other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, in any manner or in any form. "Smoking" also includes the use of an e-cigarette which creates a vapor, in any manner or in any form or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this Ordinance [~~or any other lighted substance, whether otherwise legally possessed or consumed such as marijuana, in any manner or in any form~~].

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor or the City of Elizabethtown and/or her designate and she is hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to perfect this ordinance.


READ THE FIRST TIME this the 21st day of May, 2018.

READ, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 4th day of June, 2018.

APPROVED BY:


EDNA B. BERGER, MAYOR

ATTESTED TO:


MARY CHAUDOIN, CITY CLERK