

MANSFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION LINE

REGULATIONS GOVERNING SMOKING

The City of Mansfield, in finding that substantial evidence exists revealing that the smoking of tobacco is a hazard to health, and creates an annoyance, inconvenience, discomfort, and health hazard to those present in confined spaces, has adopted the following requirements governing the use and possession of smoking tobacco products in public places.

WHERE PROHIBITED

Possession of burning tobacco products is prohibited in:

1. A public or private school or daycare facility.
2. Any elevators in buildings generally used by and open to the public.
3. Public areas of health care facilities and hospitals.
4. Indoor serving lines in which more than one person is giving or receiving goods or service of any kind.
5. Every publicly or privately owned theatre, auditorium, or other enclosed facility which is open to the public.

REQUIREMENTS-EATING ESTABLISHMENTS

1. A portion of an eating establishment may be designated as a "NO SMOKING" area.
2. If a no smoking area is established, the area must consist of at least 50% of the total dining area. A no smoking area must conform to the requirements listed in the section title "POSTING OF SIGNS" which is located in this bulletin.
3. If a no smoking area IS NOT established, a clearly visible, and conspicuously displayed sign stating "THIS ESTABLISHMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE A NON SMOKING SECTION", shall be posted at all exterior entrances to the building. It should be noted that even if a no smoking area is not provided, the serving lines, and cash register line areas MUST be designated as a "NON SMOKING" line as described in the section titled "POSTING OF SIGNS" which is located in this bulletin.

REGULATION OF SMOKING – WORKPLACE

Any employer may designate any workplace, or portion thereof, as a no smoking area. Any area so designated shall conform to the requirements of Section 9.44 of Ordinance No. 741. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provisions of an employer's smoking policy implemented, and maintained in accordance with Section 9.44.

POSTING OF SIGNS

The owner, manager, or other persons having control of any place where smoking is prohibited under the Ordinance MUST post signs stating "No Smoking City Ordinance No. 741". Such signs must be located in sufficient numbers and at such conspicuous locations so as to be readily observable by a reasonably observant person. A receptacle must also be provided within 20 feet of the entrance to places where smoking is prohibited. The receptacle must be placed in such a manner so as to be readily accessible for the extinguishment of smoking materials.

This Information Line is designed as a summary of Ordinance No. 741 of the City of Mansfield. It does not contain all information regulating the possession of smoking materials in the City of Mansfield.

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