



Smoking Ordinance FAQ

In 2016, the City of Coppell updated the Smoking Ordinance to include e-cigarettes.

Where is smoking prohibited outdoors?

On all outdoor property that is adjacent to buildings owned, leased, or operated by the City, and within 25 feet of outside entrances/exits, operable windows, and ventilation system of any enclosed areas.

Where is smoking prohibited?

- Health care facilities
- Facilities owned or operated by the City of Coppell
- Place of employment
- General common areas
- Schools
- Sport Arenas
- Within 25 feet of any door, or operable window
- 90 % of hotels / motels

Where is smoking permissible??

- Private residence
- Private clubs
- 25 feet of any door, or operable window
- No more than 10 % of any hotel rooms
- Restaurant Patios
- Bar that derives 51% of its revenue from the sale of alcohol
- Tobacco shop that derives 70% of its revenue from the sale of tobacco

Should signs be posted?

Yes, "Smoking Establishment" signs shall have bold lettering of no less than one inch in height. The international "No Smoking" symbol may also be used (consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with red bar across it).

Should I remove ashtrays?

Yes, remove all ashtrays from any area where smoking is prohibited by this ordinance, except for ashtrays displayed for sale and not for use on the premises.



Restaurants, Bar, and Tobacco Shops

I own a restaurant. I know that people can smoke in an open-air patio. How far from the entrance to the restaurant must my first smoking table be placed?

The exemption for open air patios still requires you to keep smoke from that area from infiltrating into areas where smoking is prohibited. There is 10 feet minimum distance requirement.

I know that I must prohibit smoking in my restaurant, but can I build a smoking room in my restaurant?

Yes, you must provide a physical barrier between smoking and nonsmoking section, provide HVAC system that prevents commingling air and post a sign indicating that this is a smoking section.

Are bars and tobacco shop exempt?

To be exempt, bar shall derive 51% or more of their gross revenue from the sale alcohol, and tobacco shop shall derive 70 % of its revenue from the sale of tobacco.

Filing a complaint / Enforcement and Penalties

What do I do if someone "lights up" in my business?

First, tell the person about the ordinance and ask the person to stop smoking. It may be helpful to point to the "Enjoy Our Smoke Free Environment" signage at the doorway. Ask them to simply step outside at least 25 feet away if they would like to smoke. In most situations, this should take care of the matter.

If they refuse to leave, then call Environmental Health office at 972-462-5164.

Can customers or employees report a violation?

Yes. Anyone may report violations of the City of Coppel Environmental Health Department 972-462-5164.

What are the penalties to business owners?

- a. Any person who violates any provision of Sections 9-14-3 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.
- b. Any person, firm, corporation, partnership or business entity who violates any provision of Section 9-14-5 through 9-14-7 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2000.00.

How do I get a copy of the Smoking Ordinance?

[Visit Chapter 9, Article 14 of the Code of Ordinances to view the No Smoking ordinance on our website.](#)