

Where should signs be posted?

Every public place where this ordinance regulates smoking shall have posted at every entrance (and if a restaurant, every dining room) a conspicuous sign clearly stating whether smoking is prohibited or allowed. The signs must conform to the regulations set forth in the ordinance.

**“No Smoking” and
“Smoking Allowed”
signs available free
of charge at Cullman
City Hall or at
www.cullmancity.org.**

Who enforces this ordinance?

Enforcement of this ordinance shall be implemented by any duly sworn police officer employed by the City of Cullman, the County Health Officer, or his or her duly authorized representative, or as otherwise allowed by law.

General Provisions

- No vending machines containing tobacco products shall be allowed in any area of the establishment where minors are allowed.
- Retail establishments shall only place tobacco products for sale behind the sales counter and accessible only to employees.
- No free samples of any tobacco products may be given away on public property.
- Every person who is smoking shall smoke a reasonable distance from all entrance ways, passage ways, operable windows or ventilation systems of any enclosed area where smoking is prohibited, but not less than fifteen (15) feet away.
- No person under the age of nineteen (19) years shall be employed at any smoking establishment.
- All ashtrays and other smoking paraphernalia shall be removed from any area where smoking is prohibited by the ordinance.

Guide to Smoking in Public Places



Understanding Cullman's Smoking Ordinance



Copies of Smoking Ordinance 2005-19 may be picked up at the City Clerk's Office located at 204 2nd Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama. Please call 256-775-7109 during regular business hours with any questions regarding the ordinance.

On June 13, 2005, the City of Cullman passed Ordinance 2005-19 regulating smoking within the city limits of Cullman. This brochure answers some of the most frequently asked questions about the ordinance.

Where is smoking prohibited?

Smoking shall be prohibited at all public property within the City of Cullman. Public property refers to any locations other than private residences and private clubs, and includes the following:

- Public assembly areas of all kinds.
- All enclosed places owned by the City of Cullman.
- All means of public transit under the authority of the City of Cullman.
- Business offices, schools, health care or hospital facilities.

Are any areas not regulated by this ordinance?

The following areas shall not be subject to the smoking restrictions of this ordinance:

- Private residences, except when used as childcare, adult care, or health care facilities.
- Hotel/motel rooms that are rented to guests and are designated as smoking rooms.
- Retail tobacco stores.
- Restaurants, hotel and motel conference or meeting rooms, and public and private assembly rooms while these places are being used for private functions
- Golf courses and private clubs.
- Private business vehicles, except those used for public transportation.

Can employers allow employees to smoke inside the work place?

No. Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed facilities within the place of employment solely accessible by the employees.

It shall be the responsibility of employers to provide a smoke-free work place for all employees, but employers are not required to incur any expense to make structural or other physical modifications.

Employers shall adopt and implement, make known, and maintain a written smoking policy. A copy of the smoking policy shall be supplied to all employees or prospective employees upon request.

These regulations shall apply in all public places including those designated as “Smoking Allowed” or “No Smoking” establishments.

The employee areas of ALL businesses (including restaurants) must remain smoke-free at all times, whether the establishment is designated “Smoking Allowed” or “No Smoking.”

How does this ordinance affect restaurants?

All restaurants shall be designated as either smoking or non-smoking establishments.

If a restaurant is designated as a non-smoking establishment there shall be no smoking throughout the establishment.

If a restaurant is designated as a smoking establishment the management may designate non-smoking areas within the restaurant, provided that proper signage is displayed throughout the building.