

Pharr SHS Ordinance Profile by Protection Level, Setting Details, and Enforcement and Penalties

INDIVIDUAL MUNICIPALITY ORDINANCE BACKGROUND			
Municipality	Pharr	Population	70,400
County	Hidalgo	Public Health Region	11
History	Current	Passage Date	5/16/2016
PROTECTION LEVEL			
SETTING			
Municipal Worksites	100% Smoke Free	Bars – In Restaurants	100% Smoke Free
Private Sector Worksites	100% Smoke Free	Bars – Not in Restaurants	100% Smoke Free
Restaurants	100% Smoke Free		
*100% Smoke Free (5) - No smoking allowed in a particular setting; Moderate (4) - Designated smoking areas are allowed if separately ventilated; Mixed (3) - Coverage is partial due to exceptions, ambiguities, or legal issues; Limited (2) - Designated smoking areas allowed or required; No Coverage (1) - No restrictions on smoking. Minor exceptions may exist.			
PROTECTION LEVEL			
BARS		In Restaurants	Not in Restaurants
Bars Defined by % of Sales of Alcohol		No	No
Age Restriction		No	No
If bars are stated, but no distinction made between bars located in restaurants and/or those not in restaurants, it is assumed that restrictions and/or exemptions apply equally to both.			
WORKSITES		Municipal	Private
Exemption for minimum number of employees		Yes	Yes
Number of Employees		1	1
Non-retaliation		Yes	Yes
Non-smoker's rights		No	No
Written policy		No	No
Signage		Yes	Yes
RESTAURANTS		RADIUS FROM OUTSIDE DOORS	
Exemption for minimum seating	No	Exempt	No
Number of seats		Restriction	Yes
Signage	Yes	Distance in Feet	20
ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES			
ENFORCEMENT			
Enforcement Authority:	Law officer, Fire official, Other City official, Business representative, Private Individual		
PENALTY		To Business	To Smoker
Penalty		Yes	Yes
Fine		Yes	Yes
Minimum/Maximum		0/\$200	0/\$200
Increase for Subsequent Fine		Yes	Yes
Minimum/Maximum for 2 nd Offense		0/\$500	0/\$500
Minimum/Maximum for 3 rd Offense		0/\$2,000	0/\$2,000
Minimum/Maximum for Subsequent Offenses		0/\$2,000	0/\$2,000
Other Penalties		No	No
Loss of License (business) or Violation Notice (smoker)		No	No
Criminal Charge		No	No
Increase in Other Penalties for Subsequent Offenses		No	No
NARRATIVE SUMMARY			
Smoking is prohibited (100% smoke free) in municipal worksites, private worksites, restaurants, bars in restaurants, and bars not in restaurants. Fines up to \$2,000 exist for violations by businesses and smokers. Law officers, fire officials, other city officials, business representatives, and private individuals are enforcers. By improving protections in municipal worksites, private worksites, restaurants, bars in restaurants, and bars not in restaurants, this ordinance is stronger than the one it replaces.			