

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

INDIVIDUAL MUNICIPALITY ORDINANCE BACKGROUND			
Municipality	Fort Worth	Population	741,206
County	Tarrant	Public Health Region	3
History	Current	Passage Date	12/12/2017
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.			
DEFINITION OF SMOKING			
Smoking defined as: Cigar, cigarette, electronic or digital smoking device, weed, plant, or other combustible substance whose smoke is intended to be inhaled			
SETTING DETAIL			
BARS		In Restaurants	Not in Restaurants
Bars Defined by % of Sales of Alcohol		No	No
Age Restriction		No	No
Restriction for outdoor seating		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		Yes	Yes
Signage		Yes	Yes
RESTAURANTS		RADIUS FROM OUTSIDE DOORS	
Exemption for minimum seating		No	Exempt
Number of seats			Restriction
Signage		Yes	Distance in Feet
Restriction for outdoor seating		Yes	20
ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES			
ENFORCEMENT			
Enforcement Authority: Health Officer, Business Representative, Private Individual			
PENALTY		To Business	To Smoker
Penalty		Yes	Yes
Fine		Yes	Yes
Minimum/Maximum		\$0/\$2,000	\$0/\$2,000
Increase for Subsequent Fine		No	No
Minimum/Maximum for 2 nd Offense		\$0/\$2,000	\$0/\$2,000
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		Yes	Yes
Loss of License (business) or Violation Notice (smoker)		Yes	No
Criminal Charge		No	Yes
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 and other penalties exist for violations by businesses and smokers. Health Officers, Business Representatives, and Private Individuals are enforcers.			