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

INDIVIDUAL MUNICIPALITY ORDINANCE BACKGROUND				
Municipality	Texarkana	Population	37,679	
County	Bowie	Public Health Region	4	
History	Current	Passage Date	9/8/2016	
PROTECTION LEVEL				
SETTING				
Municipal Worksites	Moderate	Bars – In Restaurants	Moderate	
Private Sector Worksites	Moderate	Bars – Not in Restaurants	Moderate	
Restaurants	Moderate			

\*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, pipe, weed, plant, or other combustible substance in any manner or in any form

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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 exemptions apply equally to both.	bars located in res	taurants and/or those not in restaurants, it	t is assumed that restrictions and/or			
WORKSITES		Municipal	Private			
Exemption for minimum number of em	ployees	Yes	Yes			
Number of Employees		1	1			
Non-retaliation		No	No			
Non-smoker's rights		No	No			
Written policy		Yes	Yes			
Signage		Yes	Yes			
RESTAURANTS		RADIUS FROM OUTSIDE DOORS				
Exemption for minimum seating	No	Exempt	Yes			
Number of seats		Restriction	Yes			
Signage	Yes	Distance in Feet	10			
Restriction for outdoor seating	No					

### **ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES**

## ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement Authority: Law officer, fire official, other city official, business representative, private individual, building official

PENALTY	To Business	To Smoker
Penalty	Yes	Yes
Fine	Yes	Yes
Minimum/Maximum	\$0/\$50	\$0/\$50
Increase for Subsequent Fine	Yes	Yes
Minimum/Maximum for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	\$0/\$100	\$0/\$100
Minimum/Maximum for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	\$0/\$250	\$0/\$250
Minimum/Maximum for Subsequent Offenses	\$0/\$250	\$0/\$250
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**

Protection is moderate in municipal worksites, private worksites, restaurants, bars in restaurants, and bars not in restaurants, with designated smoking areas allowed if separately ventilated. Fines up to \$2,000 and other penalties exist for violations by businesses and smokers. Law officers, fire officials, other city officials, business representatives, private individuals, and building officials are enforcers.