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Lancaster Approves Comprehensive Smoke-Free Ordinance

Lancaster, TX – Lancaster City Council recently approved a comprehensive citywide smoke-free Ordinance No. 2017-06-22 making all workplaces in the city smoke-free, including all bars and restaurants.

Secondhand smoke contains more than 7,000 chemicals, including hundreds that are toxic and at least 69 that are known to cause cancer. Exposure to secondhand smoke kills over 40,000 nonsmokers in the United States every year. The Surgeon General has found that secondhand smoke causes lung cancer, heart disease, serious respiratory illnesses, low birth weight in babies, and sudden infant death syndrome. Nonsmokers who are exposed to high levels of tobacco smoke on the job double their risk of developing lung cancer and lung and heart disease. The scientific evidence is clear – there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

The new ordinance went into effect Monday, June 26, 2017.

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