



## Smoke-Free O'Fallon Ordinance goes into effect June 16, 2011

### Tips to help you, your employees & customers comply with O'Fallon's **smoke-free** law

As determined by a vote of the Citizens of O'Fallon, the Smoke-Free O'Fallon Ordinance, which prohibits smoking in virtually all indoor workplaces, including bars and restaurants, and indoor public events, goes into effect on June 16, 2011. To encourage compliance with the new law, consider these helpful tips:

Some people don't like surprises. Please remind your customers in advance of the law taking effect that they will no longer be able to smoke indoors beginning on Thursday, June 16, 2011.

- **Place *No Smoking* signs** at entrances and, if helpful, in other visible locations throughout your business. No Smoking signs and additional helpful materials will be available on the City of O'Fallon's website in the coming weeks. Feel free to print these off and post them!
- **Remove ashtrays**, matches and other smoking equipment in places where smoking is prohibited. Most people understand that if there are no ashtrays, there is no smoking.
- **Talk to your employees** about the new law and make sure your managers and customer service representatives and personnel know how to approach a customer who is smoking.

Make it clear to your customers and employees that while you did not create the law, you are responsible for making sure no one smokes indoors. Be aware there are fines for violating this law. For details, please visit [www.ofallon.mo.us/SmokeFree](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/SmokeFree).

If you get questions or concerns, remind your customers that the voters were the ones who made this law. The Ordinance was started by an initiative drive and passed by nearly three quarters of O'Fallon voters. This is truly a law created and passed by your customers.

For those customers who have questions, please refer them to the City of O'Fallon's Public Relations Department at **636-379-5508** or the City's website [www.ofallon.mo.us/SmokeFree](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/SmokeFree) where they can get more information on the law.

### Help for people who want to quit smoking

If you, your employees or customers smoke and want to quit, there are resources available through the Missouri Quitline, including free telephone counseling and quit kits, call **1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669)**.