



CITY OF QUINLAN ADOPTS LOCAL ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SMOKING AND VAPING IN PUBLIC PLACES

On April 14, 2025, to help protect public health from secondhand smoke and e-cigarette vapors, the City of Quinlan adopted a new City Ordinance prohibiting smoking and vaping in and near public places. Below are some of the highlights of the Ordinance. Please scan the QR Code at the bottom of this page to see the full copy of Ordinance 2025-04-02.

Why did the City adopt a no-smoking/vaping Ordinance?

- To improve and protect the public's health by eliminating smoking and vaping in public places and places of employment.
- To promote the right of non-smokers and non-vapers to breathe smoke-free and vape-free air.
- To recognize that the need to breathe smoke-free and vape-free air shall have priority over the choice to smoke or vape.

Where are smoking and vaping prohibited?

- In all public places (places where the public is invited or permitted) and places of employment, such as professional offices, retail stores, banks, restaurants, educational facilities, sporting venues, hospitals, polling places, all City buildings etc., including areas such as lobbies, restrooms, hallways and other common-use areas.
- Certain outdoor public areas such as parks, playgrounds and within certain public rights-of-way during parades and outdoor community events.
- Within 20' of a public place that is not within an enclosed building, or within 20' of an entrance of any public place or workplace located within an enclosed building.

What areas are exempt from these regulations?

- Private residences, unless used as a childcare or healthcare facility.
- Retail nicotine store.
- Facilities under the control or ownership of another political subdivision of the State of Texas or any State or Federal government entity.
- Outdoor areas/patios located adjacent to bars or restaurants that are at least 20' from an entrance to an enclosed public place.

What kind of signs are business owners and property owners required to have?

- The owner or manager having control of a public place, place of employment, or other public place must post signs at building entrances and within areas where smoking and vaping are prohibited.
- Each sign must contain 1" bold letters that convey "NO SMOKING OR VAPING" and/or "SMOKING OR VAPING IS PROHIBITED INSIDE THIS BUILDING AND WITHIN 20 FEET OF PUBLIC ENTRANCES", etc. depending on the location, referencing City Ordinance 2025-04-02.
- The signs must display the international symbols representing no smoking and no vaping.
- For existing businesses, the ordinance, including signage requirements is effective June 16, 2025.

Sign Samples:



Please scan the QR code for a link to the full City Ordinance:

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