

**SMOKE
FREE**

St. Joe

CATCH UP *to* CLEAN AIR South Bend

FAQ

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What is the purpose of the proposed South Bend smokefree ordinance?

To improve public health by decreasing exposure to secondhand smoke. Smokefree workplaces also reduce fire hazards, create a cleaner environment, and improve the health of staff and patrons while also reducing health care costs.

What types of protections are covered under the proposed ordinance?

Secondhand smoke from:

- Tobacco
- Hookah
- Marijuana
- Electronic Smoking Devices

Where is smoking prohibited under the proposed ordinance?

- Bars
- Bingo facilities
- Gaming facilities
- Hotels and motels
- Private clubs
- Service lines
- Tobacco retail stores
- Tobacco specialty bars
- Outdoor arenas, stadiums, and amphitheatres
- Within 15 feet of bleachers
- Within 15 feet of playgrounds
- Outdoor common areas of residential facilities

What is the proposed distance that smoking would be prohibited from entrances?

Fifteen feet.

Would any places be exempt?

Outdoor eating/drinking areas restricted to over 18 years of age.

Who would handle enforcement?

South Bend Department of Code Enforcement. St. Joseph County Health Department and South Bend Police Department may also enforce these measures while handling other inspections.

What are the recommended penalties for violations?

As written, the first violation results in a warning to the business. Subsequent violations within the same year result in fines of \$200, \$400, \$800, and \$1,500.

How would I report a violation?

Anyone would be able to file a complaint with the South Bend Department of Code Enforcement by calling 311 or 574-233-0311.



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