



PIMA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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April 12, 2007

Re: New Law Effective May 1, 2007

Dear Business Owner/Employer,

On November 7, 2006 the citizens of Arizona passed Proposition 201, The Smoke-Free Arizona Act. Beginning May 1, 2007, this statute prohibits smoking in most enclosed public places and places of employment to ensure that those entering are not exposed to secondhand smoke, i.e.:

- Restaurants; bars; gaming facilities such as bingo halls, billiard or pool halls, bowling centers; public buildings; grocery stores or any food service establishment
- Lobbies, elevators, restrooms, reception areas, hallways and any other common-use areas in public and private buildings, condominiums and other multiple-unit residential facilities
- Indoor sports arenas, gymnasiums and auditoriums

The Pima County Health Department is responsible for educating the public and employers on the requirements of the law, and to enforce the rules and regulations of the Smoke Free Arizona Act. We intend to assist all affected entities in achieving full compliance and avoid violations and penalties.

To be in compliance with the Law, places of employment must:

- Inform current and prospective employees about the Smoke-Free Arizona law
- Remove ashtrays and other smoking receptacles from non-smoking areas
- Prohibit anyone from smoking inside the place of business
- Prohibit anyone including employees, vendors and customers from smoking outside within twenty feet (20') of entrances, windows and ventilation systems
- Post "No Smoking" signs or decals at every entrance at a height and location easily readable from five feet (5') by an individual entering the building so that the signs are not obscured in any way. All business vehicles must also have signage or decals that are firmly affixed to one vehicle door window, the vehicle dashboard, or another area in the vehicle that is visible to each vehicle occupant.

Signs can be ordered from the Pima County Health Department or created by the business. Signs must be no smaller than four inches by six inches (4" x 6"); and include the following information:

- The international "no smoking" symbol or the words "NO SMOKING"
- A statement that smoking is prohibited by A.R.S. § 36-601.01
- Complaints regarding violations may be made by telephone to 1-888-221-0011 or to 1-877-4-AZNOSMOKE (1-877-429-6676); by e-mail to chfs@pima.gov; nosmokingarizona@azdhs.gov; or on the internet at www.smokefreearizona.org.

For samples of the signage that meets the required criteria in size, symbols and words for both entry ways and vehicles go to www.pimahealth.org.

For more information, to schedule a presentation, order signage and educational materials, or report violations, please contact us at 1-888-221-0011, or visit the Arizona Department of Health Services website www.smokefreearizona.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Douglas", is written over the signature line.

Dennis W. Douglas, Director

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