



# City of Gautier Comprehensive Community Smokefree Ordinance ANNOUNCEMENT

**Effective Date: July 4, 2014**

In the interest of public health and safety, the Gautier City Council adopted a comprehensive smokefree ordinance that will become effective on July 4, 2014. This ordinance prohibits smoking in certain venues open to the public and places of employment.



With the adoption of this ordinance, the City of Gautier will become the 83<sup>rd</sup> community in Mississippi to adopt a comprehensive smokefree ordinance. Other Jackson County municipalities with smokefree ordinances include Moss Point (adopted 2012) and Pascagoula (adopted 2013).

**Smoking is prohibited in INDOOR places open to the public, including but not limited to:**

- Libraries, museums, performance halls and theatres, convention facilities, businesses and non-profit entities.
- Bars, restaurants, banks, retail stores, shopping malls, laundromats, and hotel and motel lobbies and public areas.
- Educational facilities, health care facilities, child care facilities, and polling places.
- Service lines, lobbies, waiting areas, and common areas open to the public of banks, businesses, professional offices, medical offices, and multi-unit residential facilities.
- Restrooms, chambers, meeting places, elevators and enclosed stairwells, and public forms of transportation.
- All City buildings, vehicles and sports arenas.

**Exceptions (NOT subject to the smoking restrictions):**

- Private residences except those used for a child care, adult day care or health facility.
- Private clubs.
- Outdoor seating areas of restaurants (except within 10 ft. of doors and windows where smoking is prohibited).
- Retail tobacco stores.
- E-cigarettes are not included in the smoking restriction.

**To view a complete copy of the Ordinance Prohibiting Smoking in Certain Public Places and Places of Employment effective June 4, 2014, see the City website at [www.gautier-ms.gov](http://www.gautier-ms.gov) or visit the Gautier City Hall or Gautier Public Library.**

**Note:** Free no-smoking door decals and a copy of the *Smoke-Free Toolkit for Mississippi Businesses* are available from the Gautier Economic Development and Planning Dept. while supplies last. Call (228) 497-1878.

Cigarette smoking and secondhand smoke cost **\$92 billion** in productivity losses each year.

- Smoke-free policies **save businesses money**:
  - According to an Environmental Protection Agency report, smoke-free businesses ultimately **save money** on health care costs, insurance, maintenance and other direct or indirect costs of secondhand smoke.
  - Numerous studies of objective data - including analysis of hospitality tax revenue in Mississippi - show that when cities go smoke free it **does not** adversely impact bars and restaurants.
- Strong, comprehensive smoke-free laws not only protect non-smokers from secondhand smoke, they also help prevent youth tobacco addiction and support smokers who want to quit.

100% Smoke-free  
COMMUNITIES  
in Mississippi  
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There are 82  
smoke-free  
COMMUNITIES  
in Mississippi

Partial Smoke-free  
COMMUNITIES  
in Mississippi

- October 2007 | Greenville
- November 15, 2007 | McComb
- January 10, 2008 | Summit
- May 1, 2008 | Gulfport
- July 31, 2008 | Walls
- June 25, 2009 | Picayune
- January 6, 2010 | Columbus
- May 5, 2010 | Brandon
- June 3, 2010 | Goodman
- October 5, 2010 | Rienzi
- March 31, 2011 | Senatobia
- June 2011 | Olive Branch
- December 1, 2011 | Coldwater
- June 6, 2012 | Vaiden



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