

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Why do we need this Regulation?

A: According to State and local data, the incidence of smoking in St. Clair County is higher than the Michigan average, which in turn is higher than the National average. Research has indicated that regulations of this sort will reduce smoking, thus reducing the amount of money that St. Clair County residents spend on Medicaid and other insurance and making this a more desirable place to work and live.

Q: When does it take effect?

A: The St. Clair County Clean Indoor Air Regulation is effective July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Q: Does it apply to me?

A: If your business is located in St. Clair County, then probably yes. There are several exemptions: 1) Bars; 2) Restaurants; 3) Specialty Tobacco shops, and; 4) Establishments that hold bingo games.

Q: What happens if someone does not abide by the Regulation?

A: The Health Department remains committed to cooperative working arrangements with St. Clair County businesses and citizens. If a complaint is filed, the Health Department will notify the business owner that a complaint has been filed and will work with the business in order to rectify the situation. Only in very rare circumstances has a fine been issued.

Q: If I have other questions, who can I contact?

A: For any other questions, materials, assistance or if you would like a representative to inspect your work site, please contact:

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