



## City of Belton Proposed Smoking Regulations



In order to better help Belton businesses prepare for the possible passage of additional smoking regulations if approved by voters on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the following information is provided as a courtesy.

The ballot language and the full text of the ordinance are available at Belton City Hall or electronically at [http://www.belton.org/MISC/2009\\_ballot\\_issues.htm](http://www.belton.org/MISC/2009_ballot_issues.htm).

In summary, if approved by voters, the smoking regulations go into effect City-wide 120 days after approval. All new businesses (not existing as of the passage of the Article) will be required to comply with the new regulations.

Restaurants which have chosen to comply with the *current* section 11-43 of the City of Belton Code of Ordinances have a 7 year sunset before being required to comply with the new regulations. Compliance with the current section 11-43 means that a business has:

1. Designated smoking areas with physical barriers. Physical barriers are defined as enclosed on all sides by a solid wall (exclusive of doorways) extending from the floor to the underside of the floor or roof deck above, and;
2. A separate ventilation system in the enclosed, designated smoking area whereby the air from the space is exhausted directly to an outdoor area rather than being re-circulated inside, and creates a negative pressure to prevent the streaming of second-hand smoke into adjoining areas.

All other businesses, public places and places of employment in existence at the time of the passage of the regulations are exempt from the regulations for 3 years.

**If you have questions regarding whether or not your building or facility will be affected by the potential changes, or if you would like verification of compliance with the current section 11-43, please contact the City of Belton at (816) 331-4331 and ask for the building inspections department. You may be asked to provide blueprints or other documentation in order to verify compliance.**