

Rock Springs, WY

4-1601 Purpose/Findings.

(a) The governing body of the city of Rock Springs does find that:

(i) Numerous peer reviewed studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution and that breathing secondhand smoke is a cause of disease in healthy nonsmokers, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and lung cancer. At special risk are children, elderly people, individuals with cardiovascular disease, and individuals with impaired respiratory function, including asthmatics and those with obstructive airway disease.

(ii) Health hazards induced by breathing secondhand smoke include lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory infection, and decreased respiratory function, including broncho-constriction and broncho-spasm.

(iii) A significant amount of secondhand smoke exposure occurs in the workplace. Employees who work in smoke-filled businesses suffer a twenty-five (25) to fifty (50) percent higher risk of heart attack and higher rates of death from cardiovascular disease and cancer, as well as increased acute respiratory disease and measurable decrease in lung function.

(b) Accordingly, the governing body finds and declares that the purposes of the ordinance codified in this chapter are:

(i) To protect the public health and welfare by prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment; and

(ii) To guarantee the right of nonsmokers to breathe smoke-free air and to recognize that the need to breathe smoke-free air shall have priority over the desire to smoke.

4-1602 Definitions

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended:

(a) "Business" means any legal entity including, but not limited to, sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, corporation or other business entity whether formed for profit-making or nonprofit purposes, including retail establishments where goods or services are sold, as well as professional corporations and other entities where legal, medical, dental, engineering, architectural or other professional services are delivered.

(b) "City-owned youth athletic facilities" includes, but is not limited to, facilities where youth soccer, baseball, skateboarding and any other youth activities occur, whether the facility is enclosed or not.

(c) "Employee" means any person who is employed by an employer in consideration for direct or indirect monetary wages or profit, and a person who volunteers his or her services for a nonprofit entity.

(d) "Employer" means a person, business, partnership, association, corporation, trust, nonprofit entity, or a municipal corporation that employs the services of one or more individual persons.

(e) "Enclosed area" means all space between a floor and ceiling that is enclosed on all sides by solid walls or windows, exclusive of doorways, which extend from the floor to the ceiling.

(f) "Fire department" means the City of Rock Springs Fire Department.

(g) "Health care facility" means an office or institution providing care or treatment of diseases, whether physical, mental, or emotional, or other medical, physiological, or psychological conditions including, but not limited to, hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals or other clinics, including weight control clinics, nursing homes, homes for the aging or chronically ill, laboratories, and offices of surgeons, chiropractors, physical therapists, physicians, dentists, and all specialists with these professions. This definition shall include all waiting rooms, hallways, private rooms, semi-private rooms, and wards with health care facilities.

(h) "Outdoor patio" means an outdoor area, open to the air at all times, that is either:

(i) Enclosed by a roof or other overhead covering and not more than two walls or other side coverings; or

(ii) Has no roof or other overhead covering at all regardless of the number of walls or other side coverings.

(i) "Performance hall" means any area or facility that is primarily used for the exhibition of any motion picture, stage, drama, lecture, musical recital or other similar performances including, but not limited to, concert halls and theaters.

(j) "Place of employment" means an area under the control of an employer which is intended for occupancy by employees during the course of employment including, but not limited to, work areas, employee lounges, restrooms, conference rooms, meeting rooms, classrooms, employee cafeterias, waiting areas, offices, stairways, and hallways. A private residence is not a "place of employment" unless it is used as a licensed child care, licensed adult day care, health care or pre-school facility, or any other aforementioned business.

(k) "Private club" means those organizations or entities defined as a "club" in Wyo. Stat. Section 12-1-101(a)(iii), which are not open to the public.

(l) "Public place" means an enclosed area to which the public is invited or in which the public is permitted including, but not limited to, banks, and other financial institutions, publicly funded buildings, public conveyances, recreational facilities, taverns, lounges, bars, educational facilities, health care facilities, laundromats, public transportation facilities, reception areas, restaurants, retail food production and marketing establishments, including grocery stores, supermarkets and stores where food items are sold for on-premises or off-premises consumption, retail service establishments, retail stores, shopping malls, sports arenas, theaters, and waiting rooms. A private residence is not a "public place" unless it is used as a licensed child care, licensed adult day care, health care or pre-school facility.

(m) "Public transportation" means, but is not limited to, any enclosed mode of public transportation, including a train, passenger bus, school bus or other vehicle used to transport pupils, and taxi; or a vehicle that is owned by, or operated by a business and is open to the public, including tour vehicles, passenger buses or vans regularly used to transport customers. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a private vehicle not open to the public or not used for the transportation of the public during the times of use, including a private passenger vehicle, a private charter or rental of a limousine, bus or van, shall not be considered public transportation.

(n) "Restaurant" means an eating establishment including, but not limited to, coffee shops, cafeterias, and public and private school cafeterias, which gives or offers for sale food to the public, guests, or employees, as well as kitchens and catering facilities in which food is prepared on the premises and served elsewhere. The term "restaurant" shall include any tavern, lounge or bar area within the restaurant.

(o) "Retail sales" means establishments engaged in the sale of goods or merchandise to the general public for personal or household consumption and rendering services incidental to the sale of such goods. A retail sales establishment is usually a place of business and is engaged in activity to attract the general public to make purchases.

(p) "Shopping mall" means an enclosed public walkway or hall area that serves to connect retail sale or professional service establishments.

(q) "Smoke" or "smoking" means the inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying of any lighted tobacco product, weed, plant or other combustible product in a smoking instrument or the placement of smoking instruments containing a lighted tobacco product, weed, plant or other combustible product in an ashtray or other receptacle and allowing smoke to diffuse into the air. This definition does not include incense.

(r) "Smoking instrument" means any cigar, cigarette, pipe, hookah or water pipe, or any other smoking device.

(s) "Sports arena" means sports pavilions, stadiums, gymnasiums, health spas, swimming pools, roller and ice rinks, bowling alleys, and other similar places where members of the general public assemble to engage in physical exercise, participate in athletic competition, or witness sports or other events.

(t) "Tavern, lounge or bar" means any establishment open to the public whose primary source of revenue is from the sale of alcoholic liquor and malt beverages for consumption by guests on the premises and in which the serving of food is only incidental to the consumption of such beverages including, but not limited to, taverns, nightclubs, cocktail lounges, and cabarets.

(u) "Youth" means any person who has not attained eighteen (18) years of age.

4-1603 Application of Chapter to City-Owned Facilities

All enclosed areas, including buildings and vehicles owned, leased or operated by the city of Rock Springs, shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter.

4-1604 Prohibition of Smoking in Public Places

(a) Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed areas of public places within the city, including, but not limited to, the following:

(i) Galleries, libraries and museums;

(ii) Areas available to and customarily used by the general public in businesses and for-profit or nonprofit entities patronized by the public including, but not limited to, professional offices, banks, laundromats, hotels and motels;

(iii) Bing or pull tabs;

- (iv) Convention facilities;
- (v) Elevators;
- (vi) Health care facilities;
- (vii) Licensed child care, adult day care and pre-school facilities;
- (viii) Lobbies, hallways and other common areas in apartment buildings, condominiums, trailer parks, retirement facilities, nursing homes, and other multiple-unit residential facilities;
- (ix) Performance halls;
- (x) Election polling places;
- (xi) Restaurants;
- (xii) Restrooms, lobbies, reception areas, hallways, and other common-use areas;
- (xiii) Retail stores;
- (xiv) Rooms, chambers, places of meeting or public assembly, including school buildings, under the control of an agency, board, commission, committee or governing body of the city of Rock Springs, to the extent the place is subject to the jurisdiction of the city of Rock Springs;
- (xv) Shopping malls;
- (xvi) Sports arenas and convention halls, including bowling facilities;
- (xvii) Public transportation;
- (xviii) City-owned youth athletic facilities.

4-1605 Prohibition of Smoking in Places of Employment

- (a) Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed areas within places of employment including, but not limited to, common work areas, auditoriums, classrooms, conference and meeting rooms, elevators, hallways, medical facilities, cafeterias, employee lounges, stairs, restrooms, public transportation vehicles and all other enclosed facilities.
- (b) Employers affected by this chapter shall communicate the provisions of this chapter to all existing employees by the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter and to all prospective employees on their application for employment.

4-1606 Distance to be Observed from all Entryways where Smoking is Prohibited

To prevent secondhand smoke from entering a public place or place of employment where smoking is prohibited, every person who is smoking shall smoke a distance of at least ten (10) feet from all public entranceways, passageways, operable windows or ventilation systems of any enclosed area where smoking is prohibited. Any person who fails to comply with this provision after an oral request to cease

smoking by the owner, operator, manager or other person having control of the smoke-free establishment or enclosed area shall be in violation of the provisions of this chapter.

4-1607 Declaration of Establishment as Nonsmoking

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, an owner, operator, manager, or other person in control of an establishment, facility or outdoor area may declare that entire establishment, facility or outdoor area as a nonsmoking place. Smoking shall be prohibited in any place in which a sign conforming to the requirements of Section 4-1612 of this chapter is posted.

4-1608 Where Smoking is not Regulated

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, the following areas shall be exempt from the provisions of Sections 4-1604 and 4-1605 of this chapter:

- (i) Private residences, except when used as a licensed child care, licensed adult day care, pre-school or health care facilities;
- (ii) Hotel and motel rooms that are rented to guests and are designated as smoking rooms;
- (iii) Outdoor places of employment, except those expressly exempt from the provisions of Section 14-1605 of this chapter;
- (iv) Private offices, provided that the private office is not open to public, the public is not invited, and the office is not intended for occupancy by employees during the course of their employment;
- (v) Outside Patios. The opening of any sliding or folding windows or doors or other windows or doors from any part of the border to an outdoor patio shall be closed to prevent the migration of smoke into the enclosed area. If sliding or folding windows or doors or other windows or doors do not prevent the migration of smoke into the enclosed building area, the outdoor patio shall be considered an extension of the enclosed area and subject to the prohibitions of this chapter;
- (vi) Private or business vehicles, except those used for public transportation;
- (vii) "Retail tobacco shops," which means any enclosed indoor workplace dedicated to or predominantly for the retail sale of tobacco products, and accessories for such products, in which the sale of other products or services is incidental. To enter or be employed in a retail tobacco shop persons must be at least the age of majority.
- (viii) "Taverns, lounges or bars". Taverns, lounges or bars shall not be exempt from the operation of this ordinance during those times the tavern, lounge, or bar hosts catered or private parties or other events which children under the age of eighteen (18) years are not prohibited from attending, nor shall they be exempt from the operation of this ordinance unless the dispensing room in which the bar is located and smoking is permitted is completely physically separated from any adjacent public place which the general public is not prohibited from entering, such that any second-hand smoke generated cannot migrate to the public place.
- (ix) "Private clubs". Private clubs shall not be exempt from the operation of this ordinance during those times the private club hosts catered or private parties or other events which children under the age of eighteen (18) years are not prohibited from attending, nor shall they be exempt from the operation of this ordinance unless the dispensing room in which the bar is located and

smoking is permitted is completely physically separated from any adjacent public place which the general public is not prohibited from entering, such that any second-hand smoke generated cannot migrate to the public place.

4-1609 Public Education

The city will disseminate public information to explain and clarify the purposes and requirements of this chapter. Information may include the availability of a brochure for affected businesses and individuals.

4-1610 Other Applicable Laws

This chapter shall not be interpreted or construed to permit smoking where it is otherwise restricted or prohibited.

4-1611 Citizen Complaints--Procedures

(a) Violations of this chapter may be reported to the City Rock Springs Police Department at the time of violation by telephoning non-emergency dispatch. In addition:

(i) The City of Rock Springs Police Department shall respond to complaints made for violations occurring at the time of the complaint. The City Rock Springs Police Department may issue citations or warning tickets at the discretion of the responding officer.

(ii) Violators will be provided a copy of any warning ticket or citation issued.

4-1612 Posting of Signs

(a) "No Smoking" signs or the international "No Smoking" symbol (consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a red bar across it) shall be clearly and conspicuously posted in every public place and place of employment where smoking is prohibited by this chapter.

(b) The owner, operator, manager or other person having control of an area where smoking is prohibited shall remove all ashtrays or other smoking instruments if their intended use is for smoking in such enclosed area.

4-1613 Nonretaliation

No person or employer shall discharge, refuse to hire, or in any manner retaliate against an employee, applicant for employment or customer because that employee, applicant, or customer exercises any rights afforded by this chapter or reports or attempts to prosecute a violation of this chapter.

4-1614 Violations and Penalties

(a) A person who violates the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable pursuant to the provisions of Section 2-101.1 of the ordinances of the City of Rock Springs.

(b) A person who owns, manages, operates or otherwise controls a public place or place of employment and who knowingly fails to comply with the provisions of this chapter after receiving oral or written notice from the city shall be guilty of a misdemeanor as set forth in subsection A of this section.

(i) In addition to the penalties established by subsections (a) and (b) of this section, violation of this chapter by a person who owns, manages, operates, or otherwise controls a public place or place of employment may result in the suspension or revocation of any city permit or license issued to the person for the premises on which the violation occurred, pursuant to the ordinance under which the license is issued. Further, violation of this chapter constitutes a public nuisance.

(ii) Each separate violation of this chapter shall be considered a separate and distinct violation.

4-1615 Enforcement

(a) Any Rock Springs police department law enforcement officer shall be authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

(b) Notice of the provisions of this chapter shall be given to all applicants for city business, food or alcohol-related licenses and permits and distributed through other means, as determined by the city.

(c) Any citizen who desires to register a complaint under this chapter may initiate enforcement action under the procedures set forth in Section 14-1611 of this chapter.

(d) Failure of the owner, manager, operator or employee of an establishment to orally inform a person who smokes in an area where smoking is prohibited by the provisions of this chapter shall not constitute a defense.

4-1616 Liberal Construction

This chapter shall be liberally constructed so as to further its purposes.

4-1617 Effective Date

This ordinance shall go into effect March 1, 2008.