

SMOKE FREE ILLINOIS

BRIEF



Springfield goes smoke free

At 3 a.m. on Sept. 17, it became official: Springfield workers would now be protected from second-hand smoke at work.

The smoke free Springfield campaign began in May of 2005 and the ordinance passed with a vote of 6-4 in January.

State lawmakers will now have the opportunity to see how a smoke free ordinance works, right in their own backyard.

"Springfield, although a very political city, has recognized that this is ultimately a public

health issue. Heart attacks know no political party," said Kathy Drea, Director of Public Policy for the American Lung Association of Illinois. "Our hope is that state legislators will come to the same conclusion very soon."



With the Springfield momentum still spinning, a short-term campaign was launched in support of

smoke free Sangamon County, home of the capital city. The county smoke free law passed and went into effect on the same date as Springfield.

Smoke free workplace laws are sweeping the state, now that local governments have the authority to pass strong, local smoke-free laws. In January, two Illinois cities had comprehensive smoke free laws. With the recent enactment of Springfield and Sangamon County, the total number of ordinances that are either in effect or will soon be in effect

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County Board member makes restaurant smoke free before law in effect

Sangamon County Board member and restaurant owner John Fulgenzi was initially opposed to a comprehensive smoke free ordinance. He felt it was up to the individ-

ual business owner to permit smoking in his or her establishment.

Just before the press conference announcing the Smoke Free Sangamon County campaign, Fulgenzi

read a summary of the points cited in the 2006 Surgeon General's Report, which made it clear that there is no risk-free level of secondhand smoke exposure and that preventive measures must be

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Upcoming Events

- Buffalo Grove, Libertyville, and Vernon Hills go smoke free on October 1. The three ordinances are 100% comprehensive and include all workplaces.

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Sandy and John Fulgenzi

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jumped to 28. Clearly, local governments have realized that secondhand smoke does kill and that it's time the government started making laws to protect people.

Alderman Bruce Strom, who spearheaded the Springfield efforts, encourages local governments to pass their

own comprehensive laws, especially because it would aid the efforts for a Smoke Free Illinois.

"The towns, villages, cities, and counties that have gone smoke free within their own judgment fuel the efforts to make the entire state smoke free," he said.

Former Surgeon General Richard Carmona echoed his sentiments for the need for smoke free workplaces in his landmark June 2006 report. The "massive and conclusive" evidence that secondhand smoke is a dangerous health hazard is expected to bolster smoke free workplace laws.

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taken to protect exposed employees and customers.

Fulgenzi said that he had never heard a comprehensive study that scientifically concluded that secondhand smoke can be fatal until the Surgeon General's Report confirmed that secondhand smoke causes death and disease in non-smoking adults.

Fulgenzi began to work with other members of the county board to ensure that the measure passed; it was approved on Aug. 8.

"It had nothing to do with business," said Fulgenzi. "It had everything to do with health."

Fulgenzi now had the proof he wanted and decided, even before the county board voted, to make his restaurant, Fulgenzi's Pizza & Pasta, smoke free a month before the new law took effect.

"All along, I had been saying 'Show me something in writing and I'll go smoke free tomorrow,'" he said.

"We closed for the State Fair for 10 days and some friends of mine repainted the walls and ceiling, and we reopened smoke free."

Fulgenzi said that he has heard a lot of positive feedback from restaurant patrons. Two of his regular customers even decided to quit smoking.

Fulgenzi also said that as a county official, he does not have a lot of "earth-shattering" issues on which to vote. The issue of secondhand smoke changed that.

"This is a monumental issue that will save lives," Fulgenzi said.



Fulgenzi's Pizza & Pasta, Springfield, which went smoke free nearly one month before the ordinance took effect.

About Smoke Free Illinois

Founded in 2004, *Smoke Free Illinois* is a coalition of local groups, health organizations, policy makers and citizens. We share the common goal of creating a *Smoke Free Illinois* to protect public health. Our goal is to create a *Smoke Free Illinois* that protects all Illinoisans from the dangers of secondhand smoke through smoke free workplace policies. Creating a *Smoke Free Illinois* means: 1) Supporting smoke free workplace policies 2) Advocating for stronger, local Clean Indoor Air laws at the local level, and 3) Educating the public on the dangers of secondhand smoke by providing up-to-date, reliable information. In achieving these goals we hope to reduce the rate of unnecessary death and disease due to lung cancer, coronary heart disease, asthma, bronchitis, pneumonia and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) associated with exposure to secondhand smoke.

Smoke free activity AT-A-GLANCE

Carbondale: Their active coalition has gathered a list of over 40 supporting organizations and 2,300 petition signatures for Smoke Free Carbondale. A public hearing and vote are scheduled for November.

Danville: A city council subcommittee heard two public hearings, with the latter drawing more support for a smoke free city. A third hearing is scheduled and the discussion will continue in November.

DuPage County: A mayor's breakfast was held Sept. 15 with representation from Burr Ridge, Lisle, Lombard, Oakbrook Terrace, Roselle, Westmont, and Winfield. All towns are considering the beginning steps toward becoming smoke free.

Elgin: A public hearing was held on Aug. 30 to discuss Smoke Free Elgin. Elgin's active coalition is building support around the issue.

Jacksonville: On Sept. 13, City Council members voted against discussing the smoke free issue at that time. Because they decided to wait for further discussion, a coalition is now being built in order to educate the community.

Joliet: American Lung Association and Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights provided training for community members with tools on how to build a smoke free coalition and how to start a campaign. They currently have over 60 organizations signed on to Smoke Free Joliet. A press conference to announce the smoke free Joliet coalition will be Oct. 16 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Will County Health Department. Both Joliet-based hospitals will announce that they will make their grounds 100% smoke free in support of the Smoke Free Joliet coalition.

Lake County: Buffalo Grove, Libertyville, and Vernon Hills go smoke free on Oct. 1. Barrington has a hearing on Oct. 16. Long Grove is drafting an ordinance and will discuss it Sept. 26. Deer Park and Hainesville are conducting surveys in their newsletters.

McLean County: Three public hearings are scheduled with the county board, all at 7 p.m.: Oct. 19 at Water Tower Plaza in Leroy; Oct. 24 at the Den at Fox Creek in Bloomington; Nov. 2 at The Government Center in Bloomington.

Naperville: The city council is considering a smoke free ordinance and held a hearing on Sept. 14. The council will discuss this further at their Nov. 7 meeting.

Northbrook: After receiving virtually all positive feedback from residents, city council members are drafting a comprehensive smoke free ordinance. The vote will take place Oct. 10.

Schaumburg: A comprehensive smoke free ordinance passed with little discussion and no negative feedback. It goes into effect Jan 2.

Wheaton: Members of the city council are expected to take a final vote on a comprehensive smoke free ordinance that would take effect Jan 2. Discussion about whether or not to include Wheaton parks in the ordinance is still in progress.

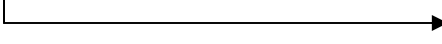
Free counseling and support by phone with nurses, respiratory therapists, and addiction counselors to help people stop smoking.

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Don't see your name on this list? Start talking with local leaders in your area. After you've found a few individuals who are dedicated to making your area smoke free, refer to smokefreeillinois.org for the resources you need to form a local coalition. You can also contact the American Lung Association for any help.



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Clean Indoor Air Ordinances In Illinois

October 2006

In Effect (20 total)

City	Effective Date	Exemptions
Bedford park	June 1, 2006	None
Buffalo Grove	October 1, 2006	None
Burr Ridge	July 10, 2006	None
Chicago	January 15, 2006	Bars exempt until July 2008
Deerfield	March 1, 2006	None
DeKalb	September 1, 2006	Bars exempt until Sept 2007
Evanston	July 1, 2006	None
Highland Park	June 1, 2005	None
Hinsdale	July 1, 2006	None
Lake Forest	September 1, 2006	Bars/Restaurants exempt until May 2007
Libertyville	October 1, 2006	None
Lincolnshire	August 1, 2006	Enclosed Bar areas exempt
Oak Park	July 1, 2006	Separate floors exempt until March 2007
Park Ridge	September 3, 2006	None
Sangamon County	September 17, 2006	None
Skokie	July 7, 2004	Freestanding bars exempt
Springfield	September 17, 2006	None
Urbana	August 1, 2006	Bars exempt until Jan 2007
Vernon Hills	October 1, 2006	None
Wilmette	July 1, 2004	None

Not Yet In Effect (9 total)

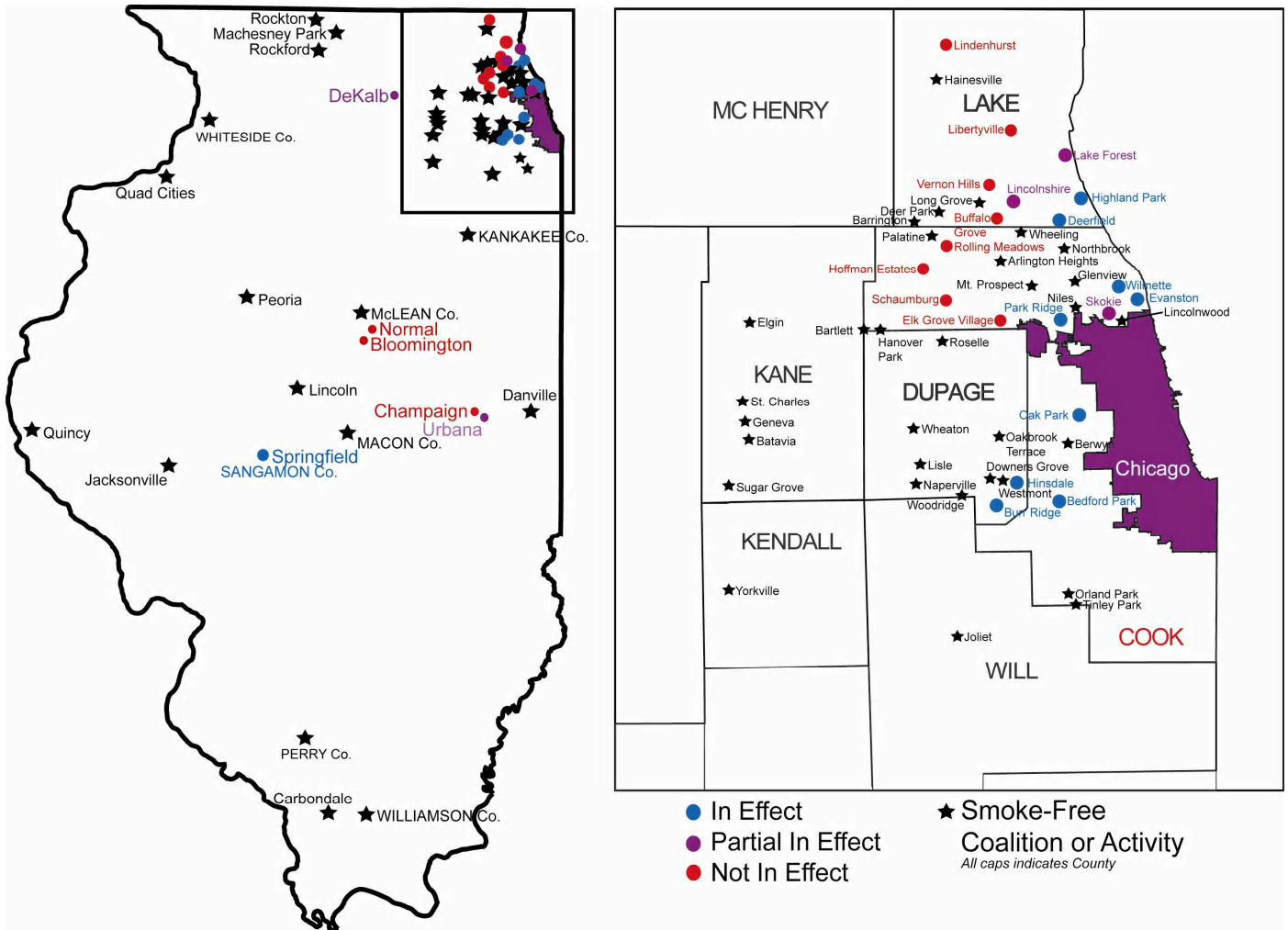
City	Effective Date	Exemptions
Bloomington	January 1, 2007	None
Champaign	January 31, 2007	None
Cook County	March 15, 2007	None
Elk Grove Village	January 1, 2007	None
Hoffman Estates	January 2, 2007	None
Lindenhurst	November 16, 2006	None
Normal	January 1, 2007	None
Rolling Meadows	January 2, 2007	None

Population Covered by Clean Indoor Air Ordinances, October 2006

53.97% Not Covered

46.03% Covered

- 3.62% 100% Ordinance In Effect
- 25.07% Partial Ordinance In Effect
- 17.34% 100% Ordinance Passed, but not yet in Effect



Smoke Free Activity in Illinois

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