

# You Can Get Help to Quit Tobacco.



If you smoke or use spit tobacco and would like to quit, help is available. Texas QUITLINE, funded by the Department of State Health Services, is a free resource—only a phone call away:

**Call toll-free at**  
**1-877-YES-QUIT**  
**1-877-937-7848**

For further information contact  
IMPACT Waxahachie at:  
(972)- 937-1042



## Smoke-Free Waxahachie Ordinance 2757

**Protecting people.**  
**Saving Lives.**



## Clean Indoor Air:

### Why It's Important

There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke. Breathing secondhand smoke causes lung cancer and other fatal diseases. Secondhand smoke exposure has been linked to breast cancer in young women and, after short periods of exposure, to heart attacks. It also damages children's health.

Smoke-free air doesn't have these health risks. It also reduces absenteeism among workers and helps hold down cleaning costs for public facilities and private businesses. When smoking is eliminated, risk of fire is greatly decreased.

### The Waxahachie Smoke-Free Air Ordinance (Ord. No. 2757) requires the following places to be smoke-free:

- Enclosed public places within the City of Waxahachie
- Enclosed places of employment and vehicles used during employment
- Childcare and adult daycare facilities
- Public transportation vehicles and City owned parking decks
- Private clubs
- Enclosed residential facilities, including all private and semi-private nursing home rooms and 90% of all hotel and motel sleeping rooms
- Within a reasonable distance of 25 ft. of any outside entrances, operable windows and ventilation systems of any buildings required to be smoke-free
- In, and within 25 feet of, outdoor seating or serving areas of restaurants and bars
- In all outdoor arenas, stadiums, and amphitheatres, and within 25 ft. of bleachers and grandstands
- Indoor common areas of apartment buildings, condominiums, trailer parks, retirement facilities, nursing homes, and other multiple-unit residential facilities

Clearly and conspicuously posted signs using the international "NO SMOKING" symbol or the words "NO SMOKING" are required

- At every entrance to a smoke-free place
- In every vehicle that constitutes a place of employment ( visible from the exterior of the vehicle)

Ashtrays must be removed from all smoke-free areas. Employers must inform employees that all places of employment, indoors and out, including vehicles, are smoke-free.

If you observe smoking in any enclosed public place, workplace, or outdoor area that must be smoke-free, you can report the violation to the Waxahachie Police Department.

# Smoke-Free Waxahachie!

Waxahachie, Texas, is a smoke-free community. Every enclosed public place and workplace is required to be smoke-free, as are many key outdoor locations. The Waxahachie Smoke-Free Air Ordinance honors individuals' right to breathe clean air. The law will help reduce illness and save lives.

### All Public Indoor Places & Workplaces—Smoke-Free!

The Waxahachie Smoke-Free Air Ordinance applies equally to all enclosed places where the public may enter and all workplaces, indoors and around entrances. Clean air is maintained within 25 feet of entrances, operable windows, and ventilation systems.

To protect all employees, the smoke-free law includes work vehicles and anywhere the public waits in line for service—including pedestrian and automobile lines. Outdoor arenas, ball fields, and bleachers are required to be smoke-free. So, too, are all schools.