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TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Councilman Justin Rodriguez, District 7

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SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Smoking Ordinance

DATE: April 19, 2010

Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

I respectfully request that the City's Health Department take the appropriate steps in bringing forward to the appropriate committees and to City Council for final action, revisions to the Smoking Ordinance, codified in Chapter 36 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas.

Brief Background

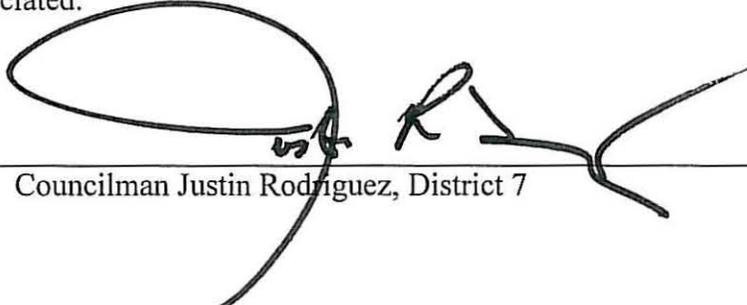
In 2003, City Council passed Ordinance No. 97895 banning smoking from various public places in the City, codified in Chapter 36 of the City Code. Chapter 36 specifically excludes billiard halls, bingo facilities, comedy clubs, enclosed bar and dining areas in restaurants, and stand-alone bars, among other public places.

In 2006, the U.S. Surgeon General issued a comprehensive scientific report on the health impact of secondhand smoke showing that secondhand smoke is clearly dangerous and that smoke-free laws made a difference to the public's health. Prior to and since the Surgeon General's report, most major Texas cities, including Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Houston and Laredo, passed Smoke-Free Ordinances.

I recommend amending section 36-3, Prohibition of Smoking in Public Places, to include the following, in addition to those places already listed in 36-3: (1) Bars; (2) Billiard halls; (3) Bingo facilities; (4) Comedy clubs; (5) Gaming facilities; and (6) Restaurants.

Your favorable support is appreciated.

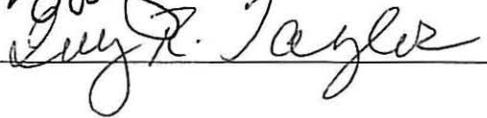
Submitted for Council consideration  
by:

  
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Councilman Justin Rodriguez, District 7

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Supporting Councilmembers' Signature (4 only)

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