



October 3, 2011

Dear Business Owner:

Please find enclosed Ordinance No. 2174 regulating smoking in certain places that goes into effect January 1, 2012. Please read the Ordinance as it may effect your business. The City Council has been discussing amendments to the current Ordinance for some time to ensure the best interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Hurst and those its serves is being met. The Ordinance does not completely prohibit smoking but it does regulate the location and certain times that smoking can occur. We have highlighted the portions of the Ordinance specific to your business, whether that business is a restaurant, bar, retail establishment, bingo parlor, billiard hall, or bowling alley.

Numerous cities have been surveyed and the City Council has extensively deliberated over the best way to meet the needs for our businesses and citizens. The Ordinance provides a smoke-free environment while still allowing businesses the opportunity to provide a smoking area if they choose.

We believe as the City's survey indicated, as well as other national studies, businesses will find that the implementation of an indoor smoking policy has little to no effect on business revenues. We will continue to study the impact of smoking regulation in Hurst as the Ordinance is implemented.

The City of Hurst is proud of our business community and will continue to promote their best interests. If there is assistance needed by the City or if you have questions about the Ordinance in general, please contact me at 817-788-7025.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Bowden".

Steve Bowden
Director of Economic Development