

# Louisville's Smoke-free Law

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## The impacts of a cigar bar exemption

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# Smoke-free law

- Established in 2008; updated in 2017
- National recognition and leadership
- Evidence-based policy that works

	Before the Ordinance (2007)	After the Ordinance
Adult smoking prevalence	25%	21.7% (2019)
Age-adjusted Cancer Incidence	541.2 per 100,000	500.8 per 100,000 (2018)
Age-adjusted Cancer Mortality	209.0 per 100,000	168.5 per 100,000 (2017)

# Enforcement concerns

- There is no level of ventilation that can mitigate the impacts of smoke inside buildings, between rooms, or among adjacent buildings
- Difficulties verifying revenue percentage which would require additional staff funding
- Unequal workplace exposures for our inspectors
- Legal challenges from other similar businesses who would be excluded