

## Ordinance No. 326

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SATSUMA,  
ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

## SECTION I. PURPOSE.

Whereas the United States Surgeon General has long warned smokers that the use of tobacco products is hazardous to their health, and evidence clearly indicates smoke is a material annoyance; an inconvenience; and a health hazard to nonsmokers. In order to serve public health, safety and welfare, and to encourage all citizens in general, to better their health by reducing hazards, the declared purpose of this Ordinance is to prohibit the use of tobacco products in all City owned buildings and vehicles.

## SECTION II. POSTING OF SIGNS.

The City shall cause signs to be prominently displayed in its facilities informing the public and City employees that the use of tobacco products is prohibited in its facilities and that violators will be prosecuted. No person will be prosecuted until such signs have been displayed.

## SECTION III. ENFORCEMENT.

Any person who uses tobacco products in a posted area or any person who willfully destroys or defaces any sign posted in compliance with this Ordinance is in violation of this Ordinance. The provisions of this Ordinance are enforceable by any duly sworn police or fire officer employed by the City.

## SECTION IV. VIOLATION; PENALTY.

Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than Twenty Five Dollars ( \$25.00 ) nor more than the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ( \$500.00 ), or by imprisonment in the City Jail for a period not exceeding six ( 6 ) months, or by both such fines and imprisonment at the discretion of the judge.

## SECTION V. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and, such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof. All other Ordinances and parts of other Ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with any part of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 16 DAY OF DECEMBER, 1997.

APPROVED:

Mayor Thomas E. Tindle

TESTED:


Linda Jennings  
Linda Jennings, City Clerk

## CERTIFICATION

I, Linda Jennings, City Clerk of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, hereby certify that the above and foregoing Ordinance No. 326 was duly and legally adopted, and published by posting a copy thereof at the following named places:

1. Mayor's Office, City Hall, Satsuma, Alabama
2. U. S. Post Office, Satsuma, Alabama
3. Satsuma High School, Satsuma, Alabama, a Public School.

on this 17th day of December, 1997. The said copies were posted for 15 days.

  
Linda Jennings