SMOKE-FREE PALMETTO STATE CERTIFICATION

More than half of SC residents live in places that do not guarantee clean, indoor air. Local governments that have achieved comprehensive smoke-free protections applicable to all indoor workplaces, restaurants, and bars (includes e-cigarettes/vapes) deserve recognition for their leadership and commitment to the health and well-being of their community.

CERTIFICATION CRITERIA

Standards for Smoke-Free Palmetto
State Certification are straightforward.
To become certified, local governments
must adopt and implement clean air
protections that prohibit smoking and
the use of e-cigarettes and vapes in
all indoor workplaces, restaurants,
and bars.

Clean air—free of both secondhand smoke and vaping toxins—remains the standard to protect health.



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SMOKE-FREE BUILDS BETTER ECONOMIES

Smoke-Free Palmetto State
Certification was developed by
public health experts informed by
decades of research about the effect
comprehensive smoke-free policies
have on both local businesses and the
health of the community.

- **FACT**—Both smokers and non-smokers prefer to work in and/or to visit smoke-free environments (especially restaurants and bars)
- FACT—Business owners boost
 their bottom line by saving
 thousands of dollars in building/
 property maintenance costs,
 increased productivity, lower
 liability insurance premiums,
 and lower employer-sponsored
 health insurance premiums with
 smoke-free workplaces
- FACT—Property free from tobacco trash (butts and vape cartridges) and air pollution (secondhand smoke and vaping aerosol) appear clean and inviting to prospective clients, customers, and visitors

HEALTHY PEOPLE IN HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Science shows that smoking harms more than just the smoker. Secondhand smoke and aerosols from e-cigarettes/vaping cannot be cleaned from the air through filters or ventilation and can travel into "non-smoking" sections.

- **FACT**—There is no risk-free level of secondhand smoke exposure
- **FACT**—E-cigarettes release *aerosol*that can contain dangerous
 chemicals, NOT harmless water
 vapor
- **FACT**—Exposure to secondhand smoke in the workplace causes heart disease and various cancers among nonsmokers
- **FACT**—People protected by comprehensive smoke-free policies live longer, healthier lives and have fewer heart-related hospital emergencies

