# Outline west lafayette's (in) new smoking ban for us



Useful Information Speech Assignment Specific Purpose: To inform my audience about West Lafayette's ordinance No. 8-06, which bans smoking in all public places.

Thesis Statement: The West Lafayette smoking ban promotes good public health, applies to almost all public areas, and is enforceable by significant fines.

### Introduction:

- I. Attention getter: If you used to worry about getting cancer from the secondhand smoke drifting around your favorite hangout, well worry no more because the recently enacted Ordinance No. 8-06 bans smoking in almost all public areas.
- II. Relevance statement: The law will impact everybody's life and will be of great interest to everyone whether they smoke or are a nonsmoker.
- III. Credibility Statement: I have researched the effects of secondhand smoke, read a copy of the recently enacted ordinance, and want to present the main features that will be of interest to you.
- IV. Thesis statement: The West Lafayette smoking ban promotes good public health, applies to almost all public areas, and is enforceable by significant penalties.

Directional Transition: Let me start by telling you some of the reasons why the city enacted the law.

## Body:

- I. The smoking ban was enacted to promote good public health.
- A. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), children are especially at risk as secondhand smoke has been known to cause Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) in infants (Fact sheet: Secondhand smoke, 2006).

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B. The CDC also says that secondhand smoke in the workplace increases the risk of heart disease and lung cancer in nonsmokers by as much as 30 percent (Fact sheet: Secondhand smoke, 2006).

Transition: Let's take a look at the places where smoking is banned.

- II. Smoking is banned in almost all indoor places that are open to the public.
- A. Places include bars and restaurants, stores, government buildings, elevators, hallways, and public restrooms.
- B. The law also applies to all enclosed areas at places of employment without exception.

Transition: Now, let's take a look at the penalties that people will be subjected to for violating the ban.

- III. The ordinance calls for substantial fines that can be levied against an individual or the business where the violation occurs.
- A. Individuals that break the law can be fined 50 dollars.
- B. Businesses are fined for each day that a violation occurs and can be as high as 250 dollars.

So in conclusion you can see that in the interest of public health anyone caught smoking in a public area will be subject to a substantial fine.

# Conclusion

- I. Restatement of Thesis: The West Lafayette smoking ban promotes good public health, applies to almost all public areas, and is enforceable by significant penalties.
- II. Clincher: So if you don't smoke you can enjoy the clean fresh air when you take your family out to dinner, but if you do smoke be careful where you light up.

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