



Lao People's Democratic Republic
Peace Independence Democracy Unity Prosperity

Vientiane Capital

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Regulation of Vientiane Capital Provincial Governor

Implementation of Smoke Free Policy

- Based on the law of hygiene and prevention and health promotion departments no. 01/National Assembly issued on 10 April 2001. And based on smoke free policy of Lao PDR issued on 27 March 2001.
- Based on the FCTC ratification of Lao PDR on 5 September 2006.
- Based on the plan to host 25th SEA GAME in 2009 and the celebration of Vientiane Capital's 450th Anniversary in 2010.
- Based on the meeting of provincial authority of Vientiane Capital on 28-29 January 2009.
- Based on the recommendation of the director of Vientiane Capital provincial health department no. 067/Health Dept. issued on 6 February 2009.

Vientiane Capital provincial agreed to:

Part I **General Principal**

Article I: Objectives and Expectation

1. Objectives:

- 1.1. To provide regulation, policies, and other principals to implement smoke free zones and to organize smoking habits in government offices, hotels, guesthouses, restaurants, markets, public transportation, temples and public areas in Vientiane Capital.
- 1.2. To reduce the smoking rate, the economic loss from buying cigarettes, healthcare cost from diseases related to tobacco use of staffs, military, police, and Lao people.
- 1.3. To prevent diseases related to tobacco use, to promote health of non-smokers and prevent loss from inferno that may caused by cigarette butts.
- 1.4. To protect the environment as well as to promote new cultural and manner to the society.

2. Expectation:

- 2.1. Vientiane Capital (workplaces, meeting rooms, schools, hospital, hotels, guesthouse, restaurants, markets and other public areas) will become smoke-free and fresh-air environment; and to become an attractive city as it is the capital of Lao PDR.
- 2.2. To become a role model to people from other countries, who join the 25th SEA Game, and acknowledge that Vientiane Capital is smoke free and an attractive city to visit and to live in.

Part II
Implement Smoke Free Areas

Article 2: Smoke Free Zones

All buildings and places that must be smoke free are:

1. Prohibited Areas:

All meeting rooms, hospitals and air-conditioned rooms.

2. Prohibit in all indoor Areas:

Indoor areas of all offices, meeting rooms, hotels, guesthouses, restaurants, markets, transportation, parks, tourist spots, and other public areas must have ‘No Smoking’ or ‘Thank You For Not Smoking’ signs.

Article 3: Smoking Zones

All areas or workplaces in Vientiane Capital: offices, hotels, guesthouses, restaurants, markets, public transportation and other areas must organize a suitable smoking room or area. Outdoor areas of the buildings that allow smoking must have ‘Smoking Area’ signs and must provide enough ashtrays.

Part III
List of Smoke Free Zones in Vientiane Capital

Article 4: Smoke free areas in Vientiane Capital are as followed:

1. All offices in both public and private sectors.
2. All hospitals and private clinics.
3. All public and private schools and institutes.
4. All hotels, guesthouses, restaurants, and night clubs.
5. Tourist spots and public places: Patuxay park, That Luang park, 23 Singha park, museums, and temples.
6. Talal Sao shopping mall and other markets.
7. Public transportation and stations: Lao bus company, public buses, north and south bus stations, taxis, tuk-tuk, three-wheeled vehicles, boats and all stations.
8. International and domestic borders, including indoors and lobbies, Wattay Internation Airport, Friendship brigade, Kao Liew port, Ban Don and others...

Part IV
Tobacco Control Committees in Vientiane Capital

Article 5: To effectively implement and evaluate the implementation of smoke free policy, Tobacco Control committee members are:

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| 1. Vice provincial governor of Vientiane Capital | Chairman |
| 2. Director of health department, Vientiane Capital | Vice chairman |
| 3. Vice chairman of Vientiane development organization | Vice chairman |
| 4. Deputy Director of Public work and Transportation dept., VTE Cap. | Vice Chairman |
| 5. Deputy Director of Culture and Information dept. VTE Cap. | Committee member |

6. Deputy Director of Tourist office, VTE Cap.	Committee member
7. Deputy Director of Education dept., VTE Cap.	Committee member
8. Deputy Director of Sport dept., VTE Cap.	Committee member
9. Deputy Director of Industry and Commerce dept., VTE Cap.	Committee member
10. Deputy Director of Finance dept., VTE Cap.	Committee member
11. Vice Chairman of National Lao Front Construction	Committee member
12. Vice Chairman of Lao Women Union, VTE Cap.	Committee member
13. Vice Chairman of Lao Federation	Committee member
14. Vice Secretary of Youth Administration, VTE Cap.	Committee member
15. Chairman of Buddhist religion organization	Committee member
16. Vice Director of Security, VTE Cap.	Committee member

Article 6: Rights and duties of TC board members

1. To effectively support the implementation and evaluate the smoke free zone compliance.
2. To plan and control, according to the condition, to succeed and exist in both short and long-term.
3. To disseminate, implement the plans and regulations, and empower employees, military, police, students, and Lao people to participate and take responsibility.
4. Report the outcomes of the implementation of this regulation to upper level monthly, quarterly, and interim, annually.
5. Follow up other work assigned by upper level.

Article 7: To assist the work of TC members, Secretaries are:

1. Director of health department, Vientiane Capital	Chairman
2. Tobacco Control project coordinator of health dept. VTE Cap.	Vice chairman
3. Office Director of Culture and Information dept. VTE Cap.	Secretaries chief
4. Director of Tourist dept., VTE Cap	Secretaries member
5. Office Director of Public work and Transportation dept., VTE Cap.	Secretaries member
6. Office Director of Education dept., VTE Cap.	Secretaries member
7. Office Director of Sport dept., VTE Cap.	Secretaries member
8. Office Director of Hygiene Development Community, VTE Cap.	Secretaries member
9. Office Director of Military dept., VTE Cap.	Secretaries member

Article 8: Rights and duties of TC Secretaries committees

1. To disseminate the health impacts from tobacco use and second-hand smoke exposure to employees, military, police, students, and Lao people.
2. To collaborate with local and international organizations to receive supports on Tobacco Control work such as WHO, ADRA Lao PDR, SEATCA and others as suggested by the upper level.
3. To report the implementation quarterly, interim, and annually, to receive direction for the future plans.
4. To coordinate other assignments given by upper level.

**Part V
Prohibit Criteria**

Article 9: Prohibit Criteria

1. Smoking and sales cigarettes in all designated areas, mentioned in Article 3 and Article 5 of this regulation, are prohibited.
2. All Advertisements, promotions, and sponsorships from any tobacco companies, brands, producers, importers through media are prohibited.
3. Sponsorships or allowance of any tobacco companies, or sales agency, or tobacco industry to exercise in all designated areas mentioned in Article 3 and Article 5 of this regulation, are prohibited.

**Part VI
Policy and Penalty**

Article 10: Policy

Any public/private organization or person that effectively implements this regulation will receive an appropriate appraisal.

Article 11: Penalty

Any public/private organization or person that violates this regulation will be warned, educated, and fined according to the regulation.

**Part VII
Implementation**

Article 12: Areas of Implementation

This regulation is enforced only to employees, workers, military, police, students and Lao people.

Article 13: Tobacco Control Committees, Secretaries together with other organizations will ensure that the regulation is effectively implemented.

Article 14: This regulation is officially effective from the day it is signed.

Vientiane Capital Provincial Governor

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