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City hosts public education forums to discuss new smoking ordinance

DALLAS – The City of Dallas is hosting public forums to discuss revisions to the City’s smoking ordinance, designed to create healthy, smoke-free public places and workplaces in Dallas. The public is encouraged to attend any of the following public education forums:

Date and Time	Location	Description
03/05/09 2 pm– 4 pm	Round Up Saloon 3912 Cedar Springs	Industry Forum Dallas Tavern Guild
03/12/09 1:30 pm— 3:30 pm	City Place Conference Center 2711 N Haskell	Neighborhood Forum
03/16/09 1:30 pm—3:30 pm	Eco Park Auditorium 5215 Simpson Stewart Rd	Neighborhood Forum
03/17/09 1:30 pm— 3:30 pm	Dunbar Lancaster Kiest Library Auditorium, 2008 Kiest Blvd.	Neighborhood Forum
3/18/09 1:30 pm— 3:30 pm	Polk-Wisdom Library Auditorium 7151 Library Lane	Neighborhood Forum
3/19/09 1:30 pm— 3:30 pm	Martin Luther King Center Bldg E 2922 Martin Luther King Blvd	Neighborhood Forum
3/25/09 1:30 pm— 3:30 pm	Fretz Park Library 6990 Beltline Rd	Neighborhood Forum

Any person found to be violating the new ordinance, which takes effect April 10, 2009, could receive a citation and a \$200 fine per offense. The modifications to the ordinance expand the areas where smoking is not allowed and increase the accountability of businesses to adhere to the ordinance and maintain smoke-free establishments. Business establishments are also required to remove all ashtrays from non-smoking areas and provide designated signage.

The ordinance is available online at www.dallascityhall.com. Residents may call 311, the City’s non-emergency number, to report violations.