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Dear Business Owner:

On December 21, 2010, the Kenton County Fiscal Court passed ordinance number 451.15 into law, prohibiting smoking in public buildings, establishments in public buildings and places of employment.

We are writing to inform you of the new requirements associated with this law and to provide assistance in compliance. Beginning April 15, 2011, smoking is completely prohibited indoors at most places of employment. This includes, but is not limited to: offices, work areas, restrooms, conference rooms, classrooms, break rooms, cafeterias and other common areas.

The law provides exemptions for private clubs, drinking establishments and private residences. Further definitions of the exemptions are contained in this packet.

Enclosed with this letter is a packet of materials designed to answer questions you may have, as well as provide you with resources to ease the transition as this new law takes effect on April 15. The packet includes:

- Frequently asked questions about the new ordinance
- Business checklist to prepare for the new law
- “No Smoking” window decal that meets the signage requirements established by the ordinance
- Tobacco cessation resources

All items included in this packet can also be found at <http://www.nkyhealth.org>, along with additional information and resources. If you have further questions, please call 859.341.4151.

The required steps for compliance are not difficult, but your active participation is required to avoid potential violations. It is our goal to assure that this new ordinance is implemented in an efficient manner that best serves the residents and visitors of Kenton County. To do that, we need your assistance. We hope the information provided here and online will help.

Sincerely,

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