



# SMOKE-FREE CAMPAIGN

## WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Smoking is the primary cause of lung cancer causing **80 percent** of the diagnoses.

Tobacco smoke contains more than 7,000 chemicals, including hundreds that are toxic and **at least 70 that cause cancer.**

Secondhand-smoke (smoke exhaled by a person smoking) is very harmful for nonsmokers and causes asthma, respiratory infections, sudden infant death syndrome, heart disease, stroke and lung cancer.

## HOW SMOKING IS IMPACTING ARLINGTON

In 2015, Arlington residents made **1,035** lung cancer-related hospital visits. Total charges for the visits were **\$34,700,088.**

Residents also made **7,313** heart disease-related visits with total charges of **\$346,393,236.** More men visited hospitals than women and more than **70 percent** of the visits by non-Hispanic Whites.

Thousands of people in Arlington are exposed to dangerous levels of secondhand smoke every day. Arlington residents have the right to breathe smoke-free air -- no matter where they work or play.

## BENEFITS OF A SMOKE-FREE CITY

- Improved public health;
- Healthcare savings;
- Increased productivity;
- Stronger economy.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Support Arlington's smoke-free ordinance and vote on May 9, 2017!

