

ARTICLE 27 SMOKING

The Employer and the Union agree that smoking of any legal tobacco product is a privilege of the employee. However, the Employer will make every reasonable effort to provide a smoke-free work area for those employees who request it.

Smoking will not be permitted in any area where it is prohibited by law, fire or safety regulations. Smoking areas will be posted in a noticeable fashion as required by law. Any area designated by law, fire or safety regulations as a non-smoking area will be posted as such.

The Employer's obligation under this Article will be consistent with available space and other operational requirements. This Article shall not be subject to the grievance procedure, however, problems in this area are appropriate subjects for local Labor/Management Meetings. Employees will cooperate with the Employer and with each other to respect each others' rights to work in a healthful air environment. Efforts will be made by employees to minimize smoking that causes genuine discomfort to fellow employees or to confine smoking to expressly designated areas. To the extent possible, the Employer will designate a portion of all dining area(s) as a non-smoking area.