



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
**METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT**

Air Program Question and Answers

1. Why is the City charging my business this fee?

*On October 1, 2015 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lowered the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone. The City of San Antonio has exceeded the federal standard for ozone. It is possible that the EPA will declare the San Antonio area in nonattainment for ozone within the next few years if ozone levels continue to exceed the federal standard. Through registration the City of San Antonio will begin to identify local sources of ozone components, survey and understand how to develop possible steps to lower emissions and improve air quality for residents.*

2. What is this fee going to do for the community?

*Through this registration fee the City of San Antonio will begin to identify local sources of ozone components, survey and understand how to develop possible steps to lower emissions which will benefit resident and worker health and potentially save money for the businesses.*

3. Why is this change taking place now?

*The City of San Antonio's Air Pollution ordinance was added to the City Code in 1959 and was very out of date. It did not reference the Texas Clean Air Act. The updated Air Pollution ordinance passed by City Council November 19, 2015 adopts rules and regulations of the Texas Clean Air Act, Chapter 382 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. This is current state law not additional rules and regulations for business.*

4. Why are not all business targeted?

*This ordinance requires business facilities that have air pollution emissions to register with the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) and is across the board for all businesses with air pollution emissions.*

5. What else should I know about the impact my business has on our air quality?

*In order to be a good neighbor it is important to know the impact your business has on air quality. Also, for worker safety and to be compliant with laws and regulations that are requirements of operating a business it is important to know the impact a business has on air quality.*

6. How will this new program help San Antonio?

*Registration will provide information that Metro Health can use in determining strategies to lower ozone levels and other air pollutants so that it can work with businesses in San Antonio to lower emissions. Through registration the City of San Antonio will begin to identify local sources of ozone components, survey and understand how to develop possible steps to lower emissions and improve air quality for residents. This new program will help San Antonio take proactive steps to lower ozone levels and may help San Antonio avoid a nonattainment designation by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).*