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Summary

In just a few days, on June 1st, smokers along Gangnam Street will have to **comply with** a new non-smoking **ordinance** or face stiff fines up to 100,000 won. The anti-smoking regulation was introduced by the Gangnam and Seocho district offices on Gangnam Street, which has a **floating population** of more than 110,000 a day. Since March, both city offices have been busy with **public awareness campaigns**, educating pedestrians and office workers of the upcoming smoking ban and the consequences for violation.

The tougher **enforcement** follows a **growing trend**, with the Seoul Metropolitan Government recently announcing up to nearly 2,000 public places with smoking bans. Unfortunately, some have criticized the new rules. The public notices over the three-month **grace period** have mostly not taken into account the foreigners and tourists in the high traffic areas. As a result they may be surprised to be slapped with a ticket in the coming weeks. Other skeptics say that most will **forgo** the designated smoking zones which are **few and far between** and merely use the non-regulated **alleyways**. The city of Seoul should be commended on its efforts to clean its streets of ash and in protecting the public health, but given nearly 50 percent of Korean males are smokers, it'll be some time before everyone can truly **breathe a breath of fresh air**.

Key Words

1. 금연을 시행하다 execute non-smoking policy; enforce non-smoking; non-smoking takes effect
2. 간접 흡연 second-hand smoke
3. 길거리에 꽁초를 버리다 throw away cigarette butts on the street; litter
4. 꽁초를 버리지 못하게 하다 limit littering; prevent littering
5. 벌금을 부과하다 impose a fine on somebody
6. 벌금이 부과되었다 I was imposed a fine; I got fined
7. (3개월의) 계도 기간 grace period; the district office overlooks for three months
8. 탁상 행정 true in theory but not feasible in practice; idealistic
9. 골목 side street; street; alley
10. 개인이 권리가 중요하냐 공공의 이익이 중요하냐의 문제 an issue of individual rights versus greater good
11. 공공의 이익 greater good; collective good
12. 실효성이 없는 not effective; not going to be realized

More Key Words

1. 유동인구 floating population
2. 조례 ordinance
3. 맑은 공기를 마시다 breathe a breath of fresh air
4. 드문드문 있는 few and far between