

Local Policies on the Use and Sales of Electronic Cigarettes



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Cities and counties across California are taking steps to protect their communities from electronic cigarettes, or e-cigarettes, which have seen a recent increase in use and advertising. According to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), an e-cigarette is a battery powered device that allows users to inhale an aerosol spray containing nicotine or other substances. The safety of these devices is still unknown, and initial studies have found carcinogens and toxic chemicals in the aerosol, including ingredients used to make antifreeze. Furthermore, the FDA has not approved e-cigarettes as safe and effective in helping smokers quit and has [proposed regulations](#) that will extend basic regulatory authority found in the Tobacco Control Act to e-cigarettes. The California Department of Public Health and state health officer also issued a [Health Advisory and report](#) warning Californians of the toxicity of electronic cigarettes.

In California, the sale of e-cigarettes to minors has been prohibited since 2011, but their use is still largely unregulated. There are more than 470 e-cigarette brands for sale today offered in over 7,700 flavors including Captain Crunch, gummy bear, cotton candy, Atomic Fireball and Fruit Loops. Youth are clearly the targets, and it's working – there has been a rapid increase in e-cigarette usage among middle and high school-aged children. Evidence shows that youth usage rates for electronic cigarettes have tripled, with more teens using electronic cigarettes than traditional, tobacco cigarettes or any other tobacco product. As a result, advocates throughout California have taken steps to ensure that e-cigarettes are regulated and monitored in their communities.

The majority of the cities and counties have regulated e-cigarettes by having a strong definition of smoke, smoking or tobacco product that includes electronic cigarettes within this definition. Doing so is considered the gold standard in terms of broadly capturing nonconventional tobacco and nicotine products, ensuring e-cigarettes are not placed in a special category separate from traditional tobacco products - particularly as emerging products evolve and change.

Below is the list of 208 cities and counties in California that have regulated the use and/or sales of e-cigarettes in the strongest possible way. When a policy is noted with an asterisk (*), it means that a city or county has regulated electronic cigarettes in their community, but does not define them as tobacco products or include within the smoke or smoking definitions and is therefore not counted in the totals.

For details on how to include electronic cigarettes, go to [Changelab Solutions' model ordinance on electronic cigarettes](#).

For specific questions about a city or county policy, please contact the [Center](#).

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SHS = Use of e-cigarettes are regulated via secondhand smoke laws

TRL = Sales of e-cigarettes are regulated via tobacco retailer license laws

* = Community does not include e-cigarettes within smoke, smoking, or tobacco product definition

City	County	SHS	TRL
Albany	Alameda		1
Berkeley	Alameda	1	1
Dublin	Alameda	1	1
Emeryville	Alameda	1	
Fremont	Alameda	1	1
Hayward	Alameda	1	1
Livermore	Alameda	1	
Oakland	Alameda		1
Piedmont	Alameda	1	
Pleasanton	Alameda	1	
San Leandro	Alameda	1	
Union City	Alameda	1	1
Alameda Total:		10	7

Alpine County	Alpine	1	
Alpine Total:		1	0

Jackson	Amador	1	
Amador Total:		1	0

Oroville	Butte	1	1
Paradise	Butte	1	
Chico	Butte	1	
Butte County	Butte	1	
Butte Total:		4	1

City	County	SHS	TRL
Concord	Contra Costa	1	1
Danville	Contra Costa	1	
Contra Costa County	Contra Costa	1	1
El Cerrito	Contra Costa	1	1
Martinez	Contra Costa	*	
Oakley	Contra Costa	1	
Pittsburg	Contra Costa	1	
Pleasant Hill	Contra Costa	1	1
Richmond	Contra Costa	*	1
Walnut Creek	Contra Costa	1	
Contra Costa Total:		8	5

Crescent City	Del Norte	1	1
Del Norte Total:		1	1

Parlier	Fresno		
Firebaugh	Fresno		1
Selma	Fresno	*	
Fresno Total:		0	1

Orland	Glenn	1	
Glenn Total:		1	0

Arcata	Humboldt	1	
Eureka	Humboldt	1	
Humboldt Total:		2	0

Calexico	Imperial	1	
Imperial Total:		1	0

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Arvin	Kern	1	
California City	Kern		1
Delano	Kern		1
Kern County	Kern		1
Tehachapi	Kern		1
Wasco	Kern		1
Kern Total:		1	5
Susanville	Lassen	1	
Lassen Total:		1	0
Agoura Hills	Los Angeles	1	
Alhambra	Los Angeles	1	
Arcadia	Los Angeles	1	
Artesia	Los Angeles	1	
Baldwin Park	Los Angeles	1	1
Bellflower	Los Angeles	*	
Beverly Hills	Los Angeles	1	1
Burbank	Los Angeles		1
Calabasas	Los Angeles	1	1
Carson	Los Angeles	1	*
Cerritos	Los Angeles	1	
Compton	Los Angeles	1	1
Culver City	Los Angeles		1
Duarte	Los Angeles		1
El Monte	Los Angeles	1	1
Gardena	Los Angeles	1	1
Glendale	Los Angeles	1	1
Hawaiian Gardens	Los Angeles	1	1
Hawthorne	Los Angeles	*	
Huntington Park	Los Angeles	1	1
Inglewood	Los Angeles		1
La Canada Flintridge	Los Angeles	1	*
Lakewood	Los Angeles	1	

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Lancaster	Los Angeles		1
Lomita	Los Angeles		1
Long Beach	Los Angeles	*	*
Los Angeles	Los Angeles	1	1
Lynwood	Los Angeles		1
Malibu	Los Angeles		1
Manhattan Beach	Los Angeles	1	
Montebello	Los Angeles		1
Monterey Park	Los Angeles	1	*
Norwalk	Los Angeles	1	
Palmdale	Los Angeles	1	1
Pico Rivera	Los Angeles	1	
Pomona	Los Angeles	1	
San Fernando	Los Angeles	1	
Santa Clarita	Los Angeles	1	
Santa Monica	Los Angeles	1	1
South Pasadena	Los Angeles	1	1
Los Angeles Total:		28	22
Corte Madera	Marin	1	
Fairfax	Marin	1	
Marin County	Marin	1	
Mill Valley	Marin	1	1
Novato	Marin	1	
San Anselmo	Marin	1	
Sausalito	Marin	1	
Tiburon	Marin	1	
Marin Total:		8	1
Mariposa County	Mariposa	1	
Mariposa Total:		1	0
Alturas	Modoc	1	
Modoc County	Modoc	1	
Modoc Total:		2	0

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City	County	SHS	TRL
Mammoth Lakes	Mono	1	
Mono Total:		1	0

Seaside	Monterey	1	1
Gonzales	Monterey	1	
Carmel-By-The-Sea	Monterey		1
Salinas	Monterey		1
Monterey	Monterey	1	1
Monterey County	Monterey		1
Monterey Total:		3	5

American Canyon	Napa	1	
Napa County	Napa	1	
Napa Total:		2	0

Grass Valley	Nevada	1	1
Nevada City	Nevada	1	1
Nevada Total:		2	2

Anaheim	Orange	1	
Buena Park	Orange	1	
Costa Mesa	Orange	1	
Garden Grove	Orange	*	
Laguna Hills	Orange	1	
Laguna Niguel	Orange	1	
Santa Ana	Orange		1
Seal Beach	Orange		1
Westminster	Orange	1	1
Orange Total:		6	3

Rocklin	Placer		1
Placer County	Placer	*	
Placer Total		0	1

City	County	SHS	TRL
Banning	Riverside		1
Beaumont	Riverside		1
Calimesa	Riverside	1	
Coachella	Riverside		1
Corona	Riverside		1
Desert Hot Springs	Riverside		1
Eastvale	Riverside		1
Hemet	Riverside	1	1
Lake Elsinore	Riverside		1
Menifee	Riverside		1
Moreno Valley	Riverside		1
Murrieta	Riverside		1
Norco	Riverside		1
Perris	Riverside		1
Riverside	Riverside		1
San Jacinto	Riverside		1
Temecula	Riverside	1	1
Wildomar	Riverside		1
Riverside Total:		3	17

Galt	Sacramento	1	
Folsom	Sacramento	1	
Rancho Cordova	Sacramento	1	1
Sacramento Total:		3	1

Hollister	San Benito		1
San Benito Total:		0	1

Apple Valley	San Bernardino	1	
Grand Terrace	San Bernardino	1	
San Bernardino County	San Bernardino	1	
Victorville	San Bernardino	1	
San Bernardino Total:		4	0

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City	County	SHS	TRL
Carlsbad	San Diego	1	
Del Mar	San Diego	1	
El Cajon	San Diego	1	1
Encinitas	San Diego	1	
La Mesa	San Diego	1	
Lemon Grove	San Diego	1	
Oceanside	San Diego	1	
Poway	San Diego	1	
San Diego	San Diego	*	*
San Diego County	San Diego	1	
San Marcos	San Diego	1	
Solana Beach	San Diego	1	1
Vista	San Diego	1	1
San Diego Total:		12	3
San Francisco	San Francisco	1	1
San Francisco Total:		1	1
Arroyo Grande	San Luis Obispo		1
Grover Beach	San Luis Obispo		1
San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo	1	1
San Luis Obispo County	San Luis Obispo		1
San Luis Obispo Total:		1	4
Brisbane	San Mateo	1	1
Daly City	San Mateo	1	1
Foster City	San Mateo	1	
Hillsborough	San Mateo	1	
Pacifica	San Mateo		1
San Mateo	San Mateo	1	1
San Mateo County	San Mateo	1	1
South San Francisco	San Mateo	*	1
San Mateo Total:		6	6

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Buellton	Santa Barbara	1	
Carpinteria	Santa Barbara		1
Goleta	Santa Barbara	1	1
Lompoc	Santa Barbara	1	
Santa Maria	Santa Barbara	1	
Solvang	Santa Barbara	1	
Santa Barbara County	Santa Barbara	1	1
Santa Barbara Total:		6	3
Cupertino	Santa Clara	1	
Gilroy	Santa Clara		1
Los Altos	Santa Clara	1	
Los Gatos	Santa Clara	1	
Milpitas	Santa Clara	1	
Morgan Hill	Santa Clara	1	1
Mountain View	Santa Clara	1	
San Jose	Santa Clara		1
Santa Clara	Santa Clara	1	1
Santa Clara County	Santa Clara	1	1
Saratoga	Santa Clara	1	1
Sunnyvale	Santa Clara	1	
Campbell	Santa Clara		1
Santa Clara Total:		10	7
Capitola	Santa Cruz	1	1
Santa Cruz County	Santa Cruz		1
Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz	1	1
Scotts Valley	Santa Cruz	1	1
Watsonville	Santa Cruz	1	1
Santa Cruz Total:		4	5

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Anderson	Shasta	1	
Redding	Shasta	1	
Shasta County	Shasta	1	
Shasta Total		3	0

Suisun	Solano	*	
Dixon	Solano	*	
Benicia	Solano	1	
Solano County	Solano	1	
Solano Total:		2	0

Healdsburg	Sonoma	1	1
Cotati	Sonoma	1	
Petaluma	Sonoma	1	
Windsor	Sonoma	1	
Santa Rosa	Sonoma	1	
Sebastopol	Sonoma	1	
Sonoma	Sonoma		1
Sonoma County	Sonoma	1	
Sonoma Total:		7	2

Hughson	Stanislaus	1	
Modesto	Stanislaus	1	
Turlock	Stanislaus	1	
Stanislaus Total:		3	0

Yuba City	Sutter	*	
Sutter Total:		0	0

Trinity County	Trinity	1	
Trinity Total:		1	0

Tulare County	Tulare	*	
Tulare Total:		0	0

City	County	SHS	TRL
Camarillo	Ventura	1	
Ventura	Ventura	1	
Oxnard	Ventura		1
Ventura Total		2	1

Davis	Yolo	1	1
Woodland	Yolo	1	1
Yolo County	Yolo	1	1
Yolo Total:		3	3

TOTAL	155	108
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