



Reducing Youth Access to Electronic Cigarettes Through Tobacco Retailer Licensing

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Cities and counties across California are taking steps to protect kids from new and emerging tobacco products. One such product that has seen an increase in use and advertising is electronic cigarettes, or e-cigarettes. 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 anti-freeze. Furthermore, the FDA has not found e-cigarettes to be safe and effective in helping smokers quit and has [proposed regulations](#) that will extend basic regulatory authority to these products. More recently, the California Department of Public Health and the state health officer issued a [Health Advisory and report](#) warning Californians of the toxicity of e-cigarettes.

For these reasons, a handful of states, including California, have passed laws prohibiting the sale of e-cigarettes to minors. However, beyond this law the sale of e-cigarettes is unregulated in California. Local cities and counties throughout the state have taken steps to ensure that e-cigarettes are regulated and monitored in their communities.

Below is a list of the **94** cities and counties in California that require a retailer to obtain a license to sell e-cigarettes. Majority of the cities and counties have done this in the strongest possible way through special language in the definition of tobacco product in their local tobacco retailer licensing ordinance. For specific questions about a city or county policy, please contact the Center or review our additional resources on tobacco retailer licensing at <http://center4tobaccopolicy.org/tobacco-policy/tobacco-retail-environment/>.

Woodland (April 2015)	Carpinteria (May 2013)	Culver City (July 2009)	Coachella (July 2007)
San Luis Obispo (March 2015)	Contra Costa Co. (April 2013)	Solana Beach (July 2009)	Compton (July 2007)
Carson (January 2015)*	Oroville (March 2013)	Calabasas (June 2009)	Lomita (May 2007)
Monterey (November 2014)	Watsonville (March 2013)	Richmond (June 2009)	Wasco (March 2007)
Gilroy (November 2014)	Campbell (December 2012)	Albany (February 2009)	Burbank (February 2007)
San Mateo Co. (October 2014)	Dublin (November 2012)	South Pasadena (Feb. 2009)	California City (February 2007)
Duarte (August 2014)	Lynwood (October 2012)	Baldwin Park (October 2008)	Beaumont (December 2006)
Monterey Park (August 2014)*	Mill Valley (September 2012)	San Luis Obispo Co. (Aug. 2008)	Santa Ana (October 2006)
Kern County (July 2014)	Monterey County (May 2012)	Perris (August 2008)	Concord (September 2006)
Westminster (July 2014)	Parlier (April 2012)	Gardena (July 2008)	Banning (August 2006)
Rancho Cordova (June 2014)	Oxnard (January 2012)	Wildomar (July 2008)	Maywood (August 2006)
Santa Monica (June 2014)	El Monte (November 2011)	Temecula (June 2008)	Lancaster (June 2006)
Healdsburg (June 2014)	Huntington Park (Nov. 2011)	Delano (June 2008)	San Jacinto (June 2006)
Hayward (June 2014)	Malibu (November 2011)	Oakland (April 2008)	Grover Beach (May 2006)
Santa Clara Co. (June 2014)	Hawaiian Gardens (July 2011)	Hemet (March 2008)	Hollister (May 2006)
Goleta (May 2014)	Santa Cruz (April 2011)	Pacifica (February 2008)	Murrieta (May 2006)
Morgan Hill (April 2014)	Santa Cruz Co. (March 2011)	Nevada City (November 2007)	Riverside (May 2006)
Long Beach (March 2014)*	Santa Barbara Co. (Nov. 2010)	San Diego (November 2007)	Norco (March 2006)
San Francisco (March 2014)	Eastvale (October 2010)	Inglewood (October 2007)	Yolo County (May 2006)
Beverly Hills (February 2014)	Palmdale (January 2010)	Glendale (September 2007)	Corona (October 2005)
Los Angeles (December 2013)	Menifee (December 2009)	Moreno Valley (Sept. 2007)	Arroyo Grande (Feb. 2005)
Union City (December 2013)	Grass Valley (November 2009)	Davis (August 2007)	El Cajon (June 2004)
Vista (October 2013)	Montebello (September 2009)	Desert Hot Springs (Aug. 2007)	
Carmel-by-the-Sea (Sept. 2013)	Firebaugh (August 2009)	Lake Elsinore (August 2007)	

Cities with an asterisk have regulated electronic cigarettes, but not defined them as a tobacco product