



List of Communities that Restrict Smoking in Outdoor Common Areas of Multi-Unit Housing

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Many communities in California have begun to address the issue of drifting secondhand smoke in multi-unit housing by restricting smoking in outdoor common areas. Outdoor common areas include swimming pools, outdoor eating areas, play areas, courtyards and other areas outside of multi-unit housing buildings where residents of different units have access. While such a policy does not address the main problem of drifting secondhand smoke from neighboring units, it does provide some benefits for multi-unit housing residents. Prohibiting smoking in outdoor common areas provides protection from secondhand smoke in areas which are used frequently by families with children such as play areas and swimming pools. In addition, these policies protect residents in units from the secondhand smoke that would typically drift inside from common areas.

Below is a comprehensive list of the fifty-four cities and counties in California that have passed an ordinance prohibiting smoking in part of or all of outdoor common areas of multi-unit housing. Not all of these ordinances are the same; some only restrict smoking in specific outdoor common areas and some allow for designated smoking areas to be created. For specific questions about a city or county policy, please contact the Center. Additional smokefree housing materials produced by the Center are available at www.Center4TobaccoPolicy.org/smokefree-multi-unit-housing/

Lafayette (November 2013)	Larkspur (April 2011)	Santa Monica (January 2009)
Walnut Creek (October 2013)	Carpinteria (February 2011)	Dublin (December 2008)
San Ramon (February 2013)	Union City (November 2010)	Glendale (October 2008)
Petaluma (January 2013)	Santa Clara County (November 2010)	Loma Linda (June 2008)
Temple City (December 2012)	Burbank (October 2010)	Albany (May 2008)
Daly City (October 2012)	Menlo Park (September 2010)	Novato (April 2008)
San Rafael (October 2012)	Sebastopol (August 2010)	Oakland (December 2007)
Sausalito (August 2012)	South Pasadena (August 2010)	Belmont (October 2007)
Marin County (May 2012)	Eureka (July 2010)	El Cajon (August 2007)
San Jose (April 2012)	Pleasant Hill (April 2010)	Blue Lake (June 2007)
Huntington Park (April 2012)	Pinole (April 2010)	Temecula (May 2007)
Alameda (November 2011)	San Luis Obispo (April 2010)	Marin County (November 2006)
Baldwin Park (November 2011)	Camarillo (April 2010)	Contra Costa County (October 2006)
Compton (October 2011)	Palm Desert (December 2009)	Emeryville (September 2006)
Sonoma County (September 2011)	Santa Cruz (September 2009)	Mammoth Lakes (June 2006)
Tiburon (July 2011)	Richmond (June 2009)	San Mateo County (May 2006)
Pasadena (July 2011)	Martinez (April 2009)	Calabasas (February 2006)
Fairfax (May 2011)	Rohnert Park (April 2009)	Laguna Woods (August 2004)