

List of Municipalities That Restrict Smoking in Entryways



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According to the U.S. Surgeon General, secondhand smoke exposure is harmful at any level. Therefore, many cities and counties in California have taken steps to protect their residents from this danger by passing ordinances that restrict smoking in outdoor areas where people congregate, such as entryways of buildings. California state law prohibits smoking within 20 feet of entrances, exits or operable windows of public buildings (which includes state, county and city buildings) but municipalities are not preempted from prohibiting smoking near the entryways of all other buildings.

There are 150 municipalities in California that have passed ordinances to prohibit smoking near the entryways of all buildings and enclosed areas where smoking is prohibited. The table below lists all of these cities and counties and divides the policies into two categories:

1. Municipalities that prohibit smoking within 20 (or more) feet of entryways

There are 126 municipalities with this type of policy. This is the strongest type of restriction, ensuring that residents will not be exposed to secondhand smoke within 20 feet of entryways and essentially extending the state law to all buildings.

2. Municipalities that prohibit smoking within 19 (or less) feet of entryways, within an unspecified distance of entryways, or only near some entryways

There are 24 municipalities with this type of policy. Such policies do protect people from secondhand smoke near entryways but set a standard that is lower than the state law for public buildings. Some of these municipalities simply prohibit smoking within “a reasonable distance” of entryways but do not define that distance. This creates uncertainty about the distance restrictions and makes the local law difficult to enforce. Other policies prohibit smoking only near the entryways of certain buildings.

Other Resources

The Center has other resources on outdoor secondhand smoke ordinances available on our website at: www.Center4TobaccoPolicy.org/tobacco-policy/smokefree-outdoor-areas

To view sample language for drafting outdoor smoking ordinances, please visit ChangeLab Solutions at: www.ChangeLabSolutions.org

County	Prohibits Smoking Within 20 or More Feet of Entryways		Prohibits Smoking Within 19 Feet or Less of Entryways, or Only Near Some Entryways
Alameda County	Alameda Alameda County Albany Berkeley Dublin Emeryville Fremont	Livermore Newark Oakland Piedmont San Leandro Union City	Pleasanton
Alpine County	Alpine County		
Butte County	Chico	Paradise	
Contra Costa County	Contra Costa County El Cerrito Lafayette Martinez Oakley	Orinda Pinole Richmond San Ramon Walnut Creek	Pleasant Hill
Del Norte	Crescent City	Del Norte County	
Glenn County	Orland	Willows	
Humboldt County	Arcata Blue Lake	Eureka Fortuna	
Imperial County	Calexico		
Lake County			Lake County*
Los Angeles County	Agoura Hills Baldwin Park Burbank Calabasas Carson Compton Glendale Huntington Park Los Angeles	Malibu Manhattan Beach Monterey Park Pasadena San Fernando Santa Monica South Pasadena Temple City	Beverly Hills Culver City Hermosa Beach
Marin County	Belvedere Corte Madera Fairfax Larkspur Marin County Mill Valley	Novato Ross San Anselmo San Rafael Sausalito Tiburon	
Mariposa	Mariposa County		
Mendocino County			Fort Bragg
Modoc County	Alturas		
Mono County	Mammoth Lakes		
Nevada County	Grass Valley	Nevada City	
Orange County	Laguna Hills	Laguna Woods	Laguna Beach
Riverside County	Hemet Palm Desert	Temecula	Murrieta
Sacramento County	Rancho Cordova		
San Bernardino County	Loma Linda		
San Diego County	Coronado Del Mar El Cajon	Oceanside Solana Beach	Escondido

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San Francisco County			San Francisco
San Joaquin County	Stockton		Tracy
San Luis Obispo County	Morro Bay Paso Robles	San Luis Obispo	
San Mateo County	Belmont Daly City Foster City	Menlo Park San Bruno	East Palo Alto
Santa Barbara County	Buellton Carpinteria Goleta	Santa Maria Santa Barbara County	Santa Barbara
Santa Clara County	Campbell Cupertino Los Gatos Morgan Hill Mountain View	Palo Alto Saratoga Sunnyvale Santa Clara County	San Jose
Santa Cruz County	Capitola Santa Cruz	Scotts Valley Santa Cruz County	Watsonville
Shasta County			Anderson
Sierra County			Sierra County*
Solano County	Fairfield		
Sonoma County	Cotati Healdsburg Petaluma Rohnert Park Santa Rosa	Sebastopol Sonoma Sonoma County Windsor Cloverdale	
Stanislaus County			Modesto
Sutter County			Live Oak* Sutter County
Tehama County			Yuba City* Tehama
Ventura County	Camarillo Moorpark Oxnard	Thousand Oaks Ventura County	
Yolo County	Davis Woodland		
Yuba County			Yuba County*

* Smoking is prohibited near the entrances of only some buildings or certain types of buildings