

How to make your community tobacco + smoke free

A checklist of options for a tobacco-free policy

What is regulated?

Smoking (including tobacco products that produce smoke and electronic smoking devices) Cannabis - medicinal and/or recreational

Other tobacco products that do not produce smoke or vapor (i.e. chewing tobacco, snus)

Where is smoking and/or tobacco use prohibited?

Indoor:

Places of employment

Multi-unit residence common areas

Public places

Except in up to 10% of hotel/motel guest rooms

Except in retail tobacco shops that meet certain criteria

Except in theatrical productions

Outdoor:

Recreational areas

Service areas

Dining areas

Places of employment

Multi-unit residence common areas

Other public places

Only public places when being used for a public event

Within a reasonable distance (i.e, 25 feet) of any vent into an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited

Within a reasonable distance (i.e. 25 feet) of any unenclosed area where smoking is prohibited

Except streets and sidewalks being used in their traditional capacity

Except for designated "smoking areas" that meet certain criteria

What else can the policy include?

Require that "No Smoking" signs be posted

Prohibit ash cans and ashtrays in the areas where smoking is not permitted

Require property owners and managers to enforce the policy with patrons and guests

How to enforce the policy:

Designate who will enforce the policy

Make the policy enforceable by peace officers or code enforcement officers

Declare violations of the policy as infractions with a fixed fine amount (must be less than \$100 for a first violation)

Allow the city or county to file a civil action for any violation (i.e., monetary fine, injunctive relief or nuisance abatement)

Declare that violation of the ordinance constitutes a nuisance

Allow private citizens to get an injunction against individuals or businesses for repeat violations of the ordinance