



Secondhand Smoke Fact Sheet

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In response to community concerns, the City of San Rafael is considering several amendments to the current municipal code to strengthen policies and protect residents against the public health effects of secondhand smoke exposure. This fact sheet outlines the proposed changes as of September 4, 2012. For more information and periodic updates to the draft ordinance, visit www.cityofsanrafael.org/smokefree.

Proposed Changes to the Municipal Code

The following tables summarize the proposed changes to the City of San Rafael's municipal code with regards to secondhand smoke.

Smokefree Outdoor Air	
Component	Recommended Amendments
Outdoor Dining Areas	Prohibition of smoking in all outdoor dining areas.
Entryways	Prohibition of smoking 20 feet from entryways.
Public Events	Prohibition of smoking at all public events, but designated smoking areas permitted.
Recreation Areas	Prohibition of smoking in recreation areas, such as parks, playgrounds, sports fields and courts, picnic areas, and dog parks. Prohibition of smoking in open space.
Public Places	Prohibition of smoking in public places, including plazas.
Sidewalks	Prohibition of smoking on sidewalks and other pedestrian areas in Downtown.
Outdoor service areas	Prohibition of smoking in all service areas (bus stops, ATM and ticket lines, etc).
Worksites	Prohibition of smoking within 20 feet of working construction crews.

Smokefree Multi-Family Housing	
Component	Recommended Amendments
Nonsmoking Units	Require 100% of multi-family units (apartments and condominiums) to be declared nonsmoking, in all properties of 2 units or more.
Nonsmoking Common Areas	Prohibition of smoking in all indoor and outdoor common areas, but allow for designated smoking areas.
Nuisance	Declare secondhand smoke in violation of this chapter a public nuisance.

Enforcement of this Ordinance

After this ordinance goes into effect, violations of this law will be subject to standard city penalties. Initial complaints will be handled by the County of Marin's Division of Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Programs (10 North San Pedro Road, Suite 1013, San Rafael, CA 94903; 415-499-3020).