

City Council

August 26, 2014

SMOKING REGULATIONS UPDATE



Background

- **City Council Goal #6:**
Commit to Making Santa Rosa a Healthy Community
Where People Feel Safe to Live, Work, and Play

- **Strategic Objective #2:**
Expand the City's smoking ordinance for
public/private places

Background

- Chapter 9-20 created in 1988, updated in 1993, 1994, 1995, and 2006
- Updated and retitled “Prohibiting Smoking in and Around Workplaces and Public Places” in 2006
- Purpose: Reduce the impacts of second hand smoke

- Smoking prohibitions:
 - Enclosed public places
 - Outdoor dining areas
 - City owned recreation land
 - Transit Mall
 - Within reasonable distance (20 feet minimum) of area where smoking is prohibited
- Exceptions



- Tobacco or smoke shop:
“Any store, stand, booth, or concession that devotes 30% or more of its display floor area to tobacco products, or to the display and sale of tobacco or drug paraphernalia to purchasers for consumption or use...” [2009]
- Require Minor Conditional Use Permit
- Electronic cigarette stores meet definition

Potential Changes

- Prohibit smoking in attached multifamily housing, including duplexes, apartments, townhouses, and condominiums and any building that contains two or more attached residential units.

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- Eliminate any allowance for smoking in recreational areas.

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- Prohibit smoking at all City-owned properties including (but not limited to) office buildings, recreation centers, public safety facilities, parking garages, and parking lots.
- Prohibit smoking at bus stops and within bus shelters.

Potential Changes

- Revise definition of “smoking” in Chapter 9-20 to include use of electronic cigarettes. Evaluate the Zoning Code to determine if revisions are needed related to electronic cigarettes.

Potential Changes

- Evaluate increasing the percentage of guest rooms within hotels and motels that must be smoke-free from 50% to 75%.



Public Outreach

- Community Meeting in September 2014
- Board of Community Services October 2014
- City Council in December 2014



Recommendation

- It is recommended by the Community Development Department that the Council, by motion, direct staff to update the City's smoking regulations.