

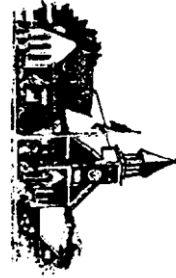
SECONDHAND SMOKE FACTS

- More than 440,000 people die in the United States from tobacco-related diseases every year, making it the nation's leading cause of preventable death
- The World Health Organization estimates that by 2030, tobacco will account for 10 million deaths per year, making it the greatest cause of death worldwide
- The United States Environmental Protection Agency has found secondhand smoke to be a risk to public health and has classified secondhand smoke as a group A carcinogen, the most dangerous class of carcinogen
- Secondhand smoke is responsible for an estimated 38,000 deaths among non-smokers each year in the United States, which includes 3,000 lung cancer deaths and 35,000 deaths due to heart disease
- 87.9% of non-smokers showed a detectable level of cotinine (a metabolite of nicotine) in their blood, the most likely source of which is secondhand smoke exposure
- Secondhand smoke exposure adversely affects fetal growth with elevated risk of low birth weight and increased risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome in infants of mothers who smoke
- Secondhand smoke exposure causes as many as 300,000 children in the United States under the age of 18 months to suffer lower respiratory tract infections, such as pneumonia and bronchitis; exacerbates childhood asthma; and increases the risk of acute, chronic, middle-ear infections in children

**Sources and further information available in the City Council of the City of Novato Ordinance No. 1533 at: <http://www.ci.novato.ca.us/index.aspx?recordid=24&page=637>*

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REGULATING SECONDHAND SMOKE

ORDINANCE NO. 1533



What you need to know!



Committed to Providing Clean Air in Novato

The Novato City Council has voted to adopt an ordinance regulating secondhand smoke, prohibiting smoking in certain public places and amending the Novato Municipal Code. The ordinance, which goes into effect on July 22, 2008, limits public exposure to secondhand smoke in public areas. This pamphlet provides a brief overview of the ordinance, and some facts about the dangers of secondhand smoke.



SECONDHAND SMOKE EXPOSURE AS A PUBLIC NUISANCE

The uninvited presence of a secondhand smoke in or within a reasonable distance of any entrance opening or other vent into any enclosed place of human habitation is a nuisance and a trespass, including, but not limited to the following places:

- ❖ Residential Uses and Structures
- ❖ Assisted Living Facilities
- ❖ Board and Care Homes
- ❖ Child Daycare Facilities
- ❖ Congregate Care Facilities
- ❖ Convalescent Hospitals
- ❖ Dwellings, Dwelling Units or Housing Units
- ❖ Group Care Facilities
- ❖ Group Homes
- ❖ Medical Services – Hospitals
- ❖ Medical Services – Extended Care Facilities
- ❖ Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly
- ❖ Residential Care Homes
- ❖ Rooming and Boarding Houses
- ❖ Skilled Nursing Facilities

FILING A COMPLAINT

- By mail/phone with the Marin County Tobacco Disease Control Program, 10 North San Pedro Road, Suite 1013, San Rafael, CA 94903, Phone: (415) 499-3020, or
- Online at www.smokefreemarin.com

MAJOR PROVISIONS - WHERE SMOKING IS PROHIBITED

- Minimum of 20 feet from any entrance, opening or exit of any enclosed area, including windows
- Minimum of 20 feet of service lines (ATMs, ticket lines, bus stops, transit shelters, and cab stands)
- 20 feet of working road, building and construction crews
- Recreational areas (playgrounds, sporting facilities, children's play areas, and rinks)
- Public events including but not limited to, sports events, entertainment, speaking performances, ceremonies, pageants, parades, fairs and farmer's markets
- Minimum of 80% of guest rooms in every hotel and motel and bed-and-breakfast facilities must be permanently designated as completely non-smoking
- Any place where food and/or drink offered for sale, including outdoor areas of restaurants and farmer's markets, except unenclosed areas of a stand-alone bar
- Multi-unit Commons Areas
- No person shall dispose of smoking waste or tobacco waste within the boundaries of an area in which smoking is prohibited
- No person shall place or cause to be placed any ashtray, tobacco ash collector or receptacle in any area designated a non-smoking area
- In certain Multi-Unit Residences*

POSTING OF SIGNS

The Person, Employer, Business or nonprofit entity with legal or actual control of a building subject to this ordinance shall clearly and conspicuously post "No Smoking" signs at entrances of every building, as well as every other place where Smoking is prohibited.

The Following Window Decals are available Free of Charge at City Hall, Chamber of Commerce, and the County of Marin (while supplies last):



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Including information on smoking cessation:

**Marin County Tobacco Related
Disease Control Program**
www.co.marin.ca.us/adtp

Smoke-Free Marin
www.smokefreemarin.com



*Sources and further information about the ordinance is posted on the City's website at www.ci.novato.ca.us.
You may also contact the City directly at (415) 899-8900 and speak to a staff member who can answer your questions.