



County of Yolo

Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual

TITLE: SMOKE-FREE COUNTY PROPERTIES	DEPARTMENT: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
TYPE: POLICY	DATE: AUGUST 3, 2017

A. **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS**

Smoking is a dangerous and unhealthy behavior that conflicts with the health and wellness goals upheld by many of the programs across Yolo County, especially among those serving vulnerable populations. Children and youth are especially susceptible to role modeling behavior and are at risk of associating smoking with healthy behavior whenever smoking is allowed at the same sites where these children receive health and wellness services. Policies that restrict smoking at outdoor worksite areas have been shown to reduce secondhand smoke exposure and reduce litter created by tobacco waste on the grounds of the property. Eliminating smoking on the grounds of county properties is the best option for protecting employees and the community from secondhand smoke exposure, for promoting smoking cessation, and for reinforcing the message that smoking is an unhealthy behavior that should be avoided. An additional benefit from smoke-free worksites is often a reduction in daily cigarette use by employees and visitors and improvement in their chances of quitting tobacco for good.

B. **POLICY**

Section 6-18.003. Prohibition of smoking in county buildings, on county property, and enclosed public places.

(a) Smoking is prohibited in:

- (1) All enclosed areas of all buildings or other structures which are owned or leased by the county or any agency or department thereof; and
- (2) All vehicles which are owned or leased by the county or any agency or department thereof

(b) *Smoking is prohibited in all outdoor areas owned or leased by the county including, but not limited to, parking lots, walkways, and the grounds of all buildings owned or leased by the county. Smoking on county property will be allowed only at the following areas:*

- (1) *At the Day Reporting Center at the designated smoking area*
- (2) *At the Sheriff's Office, Monroe Detention Center, and Juvenile Detention Facility in the designated employee smoking areas*
- (3) *At the Public Defender's Office in all areas located 20 ft. from entrances, exits, windows, and intake vents*
- (4) *At the Yolo Emergency Communication Agency at the designated employee smoking areas*



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(c) Smoking is prohibited in all those enclosed areas of any public place which are intended to be accessible to or which are customarily used by the general public. Such public places include, but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Buses, taxicabs and other means of public transit which are based in and subject to the authority of the county;
- (2) Public transit stations or depots;
- (3) Retail stores and any other commercial outlets open to all or any segment of the public;
- (4) Restaurants, including those in private clubs;
- (5) Bars, including those in private clubs;
- (6) Aquariums, galleries, libraries and museums;
- (7) Any theater or other facility which is primarily used for exhibiting any motion picture, stage, drama lecture, musical recital or other similar performance, except that actors may smoke as part of a stage production performed therein;
- (8) Sports arenas and convention halls;
- (9) Every room, chamber, or other place used for public meetings or public assembly while a meeting which is open to the general public is in progress and for a period of time preceding such meeting as necessary to ensure that residual smoke is not present during the meeting;
- (10) Waiting rooms, sleeping rooms, hallways, wards and semiprivate and private rooms of private and public health facilities, including, but not limited to, hospitals, clinics, physical therapy facilities, doctors' offices and dentists' offices;
- (11) Malls and other multiple-unit commercial facilities;
- (12) Polling places;
- (13) Bingo parlors;
- (14) Offices when open to the public, including but not limited to attorneys' and other professionals' offices;



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(15) Banks;

(16) Laundromats;

(17) Hotels and motels, except as provided in Section 6-18.006;

(18) Educational facilities;

(19) Retail service establishments; and

(20) Restaurants, hotel and motel conference or meeting rooms and public or private assembly rooms if one or more employees normally frequent the enclosed area during the course of employment and while the area is being used for private functions.

(d) Without limiting the generality of subsection C of this section, smoking is specifically prohibited in the following areas of any public place:

(1) Waiting areas (only if the public place is enclosed);

(2) Restrooms;

(3) Service lines (only if the public place is enclosed);

(4) Elevators; and

(5) Lobbies, hallways and other common areas.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any owner, operator, manager, or other person who controls any establishment or facility may declare that entire establishment or facility as a nonsmoking establishment, whether enclosed or not.

C. SEVERABILITY

If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions this Ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, sub-section, sentence, clause, and phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases be declared invalid.