



Matrix of Smokefree Multi-Unit Housing Policies in California

As of April 1, 2021

California municipalities are at the forefront of expanding smokefree air protections by adopting policies that regulate smoking in multi-unit housing in order to create healthier living environments for residents by reducing exposure to drifting secondhand smoke.

This matrix provides an overview of key policy provisions in the municipalities that have enacted ordinances that at a minimum regulate smoking in private units of multi-unit housing. Municipalities not included in this matrix may have policies that regulate smoking in multi-unit housing to a lesser extent than in private units, such as by prohibiting smoking only in indoor common areas or only on patios and balconies.

As of April 1, 2021: **84** California municipalities have enacted ordinances that regulate smoking in private units of multi-unit housing (MUH):

- **35** municipalities require all MUH properties with 2 or more units to be 100% smokefree indoors—both rental units **and** condominium/owner-occupied units—and including e-cigarette use and marijuana smoking/vaping. The names of municipalities with these strongest policies are in **bold**.
- **49** municipalities require all MUH properties with 2 or more units to be 100% smokefree indoors for tobacco—both rental units **and** condominium/owner-occupied units—but do not fully include e-cigarette use and/or marijuana smoking/vaping in the policy.
- **6** municipalities require all **rental** MUH properties with 2 or more units to be 100% smokefree indoors **but** exempt some or all condominium/owner-occupied units.
- **16** municipalities have partial policies that require some, but not all, units or buildings to be smokefree, or contain other exemptions such as allowing existing residents to continue smoking in their unit. These weaker, partial policies are in [blue text](#).

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		Policy Provisions								
Municipality	County	Most Recent Enactment Date	Effective Date (phase-in time)	Population	Minimum # of Units	% of Units Smokefree	Exempts Existing Residents	Includes Condos	Includes E-Cigarette Use	Includes Smoking/Vaping Marijuana
Alameda	Alameda	11/15/2011	1/1/2013 (13.5 months)	43,368	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Albany	Alameda	2/21/2017	3/24/2018 (13 months)	10,408	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Baldwin Park	Los Angeles	11/2/2011	6/21/12 new, 12/2/14 existing (3 years)	37,964	2	100% new, 80% existing	No	Yes	Yes	Smoking Prohibited
Bell Gardens #	Los Angeles	10/14/2019	6/1/2021 (20 months)	42,641	3	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Belmont	San Mateo	10/9/2007	1/8/2009 (15 months)	27,110	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Belvedere	Marin	10/10/2016	11/9/2017 (13 months)	2,098	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Benicia	Solano	12/3/2019	9/2/2020 (9 months)	28,088	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Berkeley	Alameda	12/17/2013	5/1/2014 (4.5 months)	66,607	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Use Exempt
Beverly Hills	Los Angeles	10/3/2017	1/1/2019 (15 months)	17,680	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Vaping Prohibited
Brisbane	San Mateo	11/3/2016	6/3/2017 (6.5 months)	4,692	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Use Exempt
Burlingame	San Mateo	8/17/2015	2/13/2016 (6 months)	30,459	2	100%	No	No	No (Not Addressed)	Medical Use Exempt
Calabasas	Los Angeles	1/16/2008	1/1/2012 (4 years)	24,077	2	80%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Clayton	Contra Costa	5/1/2018	5/1/2019 (12 months)	6,034	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Compton	Los Angeles	10/25/2011	1/1/2013 (14 months)	97,301	3	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Concord	Contra Costa	1/7/2020	1/1/2021	128,758	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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			(12 months)							
Contra Costa County^		3/13/2018	7/1/2019 (15.5 months)	90,904	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Corte Madera	Marin	5/6/2014	12/2/14 new; 6/5/15 existing (13 months)	9,866	2	100% new, 80% existing	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Use Exempt
Cotati	Sonoma	10/13/2015	1/1/2017 (14.5 months)	7,470	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Use Exempt
Crescent City	Del Norte	11/16/2020	1/1/21 new; 1/1/22 existing (14 months)	6,681	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Culver City	Los Angeles	10/27/2014	5/26/2016 (19 months)	39,295	2	100%	No	Yes	Specifically Exempt	Smoking Prohibited
Daly City	San Mateo	10/22/2012	1/21/2014 (15 months)	106,638	2	100%	No	No	Yes	Yes
Danville	Contra Costa	11/17/2015	5/1/2016 (5.5 months)	21,418	3	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dublin	Alameda	7/19/2011	1/1/2013 (17.5 months)	31,239	16	75%	No	No	Yes	Yes
El Cerrito	Contra Costa	10/7/2014	10/1/2015 (12 months)	13,691	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
El Monte	Los Angeles	1/19/2016	8/19/2017 (19 months)	115,669	3	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Use Exempt
Emeryville	Alameda	9/17/2018	7/1/2019 (9.5 months)	7,868	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fairfax	Marin	6/1/2011	9/1/2012 (15 months)	7,591	4	75%	No	No	Yes	Yes
Firebaugh	Fresno	5/20/2019	7/1/2019 (1.5 months)	3,746	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Foster City	San Mateo	11/17/2014	11/5/2015	33,784	N/S	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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			(11.5 months)							
Fremont	Alameda	12/6/2016	2/1/2017 (2 months)	123,343	2	100% new, 0% existing	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Glendale	Los Angeles	5/28/2013	6/27/2013 (1 month)	200,372	2	100% new, 0% existing	No	Yes	No (Not Addressed)	Yes
Half Moon Bay	San Mateo	10/16/2018	1/15/2020 (15 months)	12,706	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Vaping Exempt
Healdsburg	Sonoma	5/6/2019	5/6/2020 (12 months)	11,802	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hercules	Contra Costa	5/14/2019	7/1/2020 (14 months)	25,343	10	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Huntington Park	Los Angeles	3/5/2012	7/1/2013 (16 months)	5,8694	2	100% rental, 80% condos	Yes, condos	80%	Yes	Yes
Lafayette	Contra Costa	11/12/2013	2/10/2014 (3 months)	12,761	3	100% new, 0% existing	Yes	Yes	Specifically Exempt	No
Larkspur	Marin	4/20/2011	5/20/11 new, 11/17/11 existing (7 months)	12,375	2	100% new, 80% existing	Yes	Yes	No (Not Addressed)	Yes
Loma Linda	San Bernardino	6/24/2008	1/1/2012 (3.5 years)	24,078	2	70%	Yes	No	No (Not Addressed)	Smoking Prohibited
Los Gatos	Santa Clara	5/26/2016	6/25/2017 (13 months)	30,922	2	100%	No	No	Yes	Yes
Manhattan Beach	Los Angeles	10/20/2015	5/5/2017 (18.5 months)	35,573	3	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marin County^		5/22/2012	2/16/13 new, 8/20/13 existing (15 months)	68,394	2	100% new, 80% existing	No	Yes	Specifically Exempt	Medical Use Exempt
Millbrae	San Mateo	7/23/2019	1/1/2020	22,703	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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			(5 months)							
Mill Valley	Marin	10/19/2015	11/18/2016 (13 months)	14,343	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Moorpark	Ventura	12/20/2017	2/1/2019 (13.5 months)	36,274	2	100%	No	No	Yes	Yes
Morro Bay	San Luis Obispo	4/28/2020	8/1/2020 (3 months)	10,592	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Novato	Marin	1/24/2017	1/1/2018 (11 months)	55,523	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oakley	Contra Costa	2/11/2014	4/1/2014 (1.5 months)	20,373	2	100% new, 0% existing	No	Yes	No	Vaping Exempt
Pacific Grove#	Monterey	12/18/2019	10/1/2021 (21.5 months)	15,567	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pacifica	San Mateo	9/9/2019	10/9/2020 (13 months)	39,065	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Palo Alto	Santa Clara	1/9/2017	1/1/2018 (12 months)	67,019	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pasadena	Los Angeles	7/11/2011	1/1/2013 (18 months)	141,246	2	100%	No	Yes	No (Not Addressed)	Yes
Petaluma	Sonoma	1/28/2013	1/1/2014 (11 months)	60,635	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pinole	Contra Costa	9/17/2019	10/18/2019 (1 month)	10,342	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	No
Pleasant Hill	Contra Costa	4/5/2010	4/5/10 new, 1/1/16 existing (5 years)	19,018	4	100% new, 50% existing	No	No	Yes	Vaping Prohibited
Pleasanton	Alameda	9/5/2017	10/4/2018 (13 months)	41,904	2	100%	No	No	Yes	Medical Use Exempt in Outdoor Area

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Rancho Cordova#	Sacramento	10/5/2020	10/5/2021 (12 months)	72,056	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Redwood City	San Mateo	11/13/2017	1/1/2019 (13.5 months)	85,217	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Richmond	Contra Costa	7/21/2009	1/1/2011 (17.5 months)	57,852	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Smoking Exempt
Rohnert Park	Sonoma	1/23/2018	4/23/2018 (3 months)	42,694	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ross	Marin	1/11/2019	2/9/2020 (13 months)	2,309	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
San Anselmo	Marin	12/9/2014	1/8/2016 (13 months)	12,567	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
San Bruno	San Mateo	11/22/2016	2/22/2018 (15 months)	43,114	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
San Carlos	San Mateo	4/8/2019	7/8/2020 (15 months)	30,080	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
San Mateo	San Mateo	7/17/2017	8/16/2017 (1 month)	104,035	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
San Mateo County^		11/4/2014	2/4/2016 (15 months)	65,327	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	No
San Pablo#	Contra Costa	2/18/2020	7/1/2021 (16.5 months)	15,584	2	100%	No	No	Yes	Yes
San Rafael	Marin	10/15/2012	11/14/2013 (13 months)	58,939	3	100%	No	Yes	Specifically exempt	No
Santa Clara	Santa Clara	2/5/2019	8/1/2019 (6 months)	126,209	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Santa Clara County^		11/9/2010	2/9/2012 (15 months)	84,651	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	No

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Santa Monica	Los Angeles	10/23/2012	11/22/2012 (1 month)	92,078	N/S	100% new, designated existing units	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Santa Rosa	Sonoma	7/7/2015	8/7/2016 (13 months)	181,038	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saratoga	Santa Clara	8/17/2016	9/16/2016 (1 month)	30,886	4	100%	No	No	Yes	Yes
Sausalito	Marin	7/31/2012	2/27/13 new, 8/30/13 existing (13 months)	7,139	2	100% new, 80% existing	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Smoking Exempt
Sebastopol	Sonoma	8/3/2010	11/2/2011 (15 months)	7,666	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	No
Sonoma	Sonoma	11/8/2016	12/12/2016 (1 month)	11,074	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sonoma County^		9/13/2011	1/12/2013 (16 months)	142,634	2	100%	No	Yes	No	No
South Pasadena	Los Angeles	8/4/2010	3/3/11 new, 9/4/13 existing (3 years)	25,824	2	100% new, 80% existing	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
South San Francisco	San Mateo	11/9/2016	11/9/2017 (12 months)	67,294	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sunnyvale	Santa Clara	2/23/2016	9/23/2016 (7 months)	152,323	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Temecula	Riverside	5/8/2007	11/8/07 new, 6/7/12 existing (5 years)	112,230	10	25%	Yes	N/S	No (Not Addressed)	Medical Use Exempt
Tiburon	Marin	7/18/2018	10/18/2018 (3 months)	9,151	3	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Union City	Alameda	11/23/2010	2/23/2012	40,271	2	100%	No	No	Yes	Yes

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			(15 months)							
Walnut Creek	Contra Costa	10/1/2013	1/30/2014 (4 months)	33,483	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Vaping Exempt
Windsor	Sonoma	5/17/2017	8/15/2017 (3 months)	27,506	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Explanatory Notes:

Policies that require all rental **and** condominium/owner-occupied properties with 2 or more units to be 100% smokefree—and include e-cigarette use and marijuana smoking/vaping—are in **bold**.

Policies that require MUH units to be 100% smokefree but apply to buildings with 3 or more units, or do not fully include e-cigarette use and/or marijuana smoking/vaping in the policy—are not bolded.

Partial policies that require less than 100% of units to be smokefree are listed in [blue text](#).

= Law is enacted but will not be fully in effect until the listed Effective Date.

^ = Law applies only to unincorporated areas of the county. Population listed is for unincorporated areas of the county.

N/S = Not Specified: The law does not specify information on this policy provision.

¹ = Smoking prohibited in multi-unit buildings when units share heating or cooling systems.

Definitions:

Most Recent Enactment Date: The date the municipality's most recent policy addressing smoking in MUH was enacted. The enactment dates of any prior policies addressing smoking in MUH are not listed here.

Effective Date: The final date when the policy is in full effect. Policies often have an initial effective date for when common areas and newly occupied units must be smokefree, and a final effective date when the policy is in effect for residents living in the building at the time the policy is enacted.

Phase-in time: The length of time between the policy's enactment date and when it went into full effect. The phase-in time does not reflect the unknown date in the future when buildings will be 100% smokefree for policies that exempt existing residents indefinitely.

Minimum # of units: The minimum number of units in MUH buildings that are necessary for the policy to apply. The best practice is for policies to apply to MUH buildings with 2 or more units.

% of Units Smokefree: The percent of units in MUH buildings that are required to be smokefree when the law is fully in effect. The best practice is for policies to require 100% of units in all MUH buildings to be smokefree. If a policy has different requirements for new units versus existing units, the percentages are specified as "X% new, Y% existing."

Existing Residents Exempt: Indicates if the policy allows residents living in MUH buildings at the time the law is adopted to continue smoking in their unit indefinitely. This exemption is often referred to as a grandfathering provision.

Includes Condos: Indicates if the policy covers condominiums, townhomes, and other types of owner-occupied MUH buildings.

Includes E-Cigarettes: Indicates if policy regulates the use of electronic smoking devices, like e-cigarettes and other vaping products, in the same manner as it regulates smoking tobacco. As of 2016, the [California Business and Professions Code Section 22950.5\(c\)](#) defines smoking to include the use of an electronic smoking device. This matrix reflects the language included in each municipal policy, some of which do not address the use of these products or include exemptions that may not be consistent with current state definitions.

Includes Marijuana: Indicates if policy regulates smoking and vaping marijuana/cannabis in the same manner as it regulates smoking tobacco. Since 2017, [California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.1\(2\)](#) does not permit smoking marijuana/cannabis in a location where smoking tobacco is prohibited. This matrix reflects the language included in each municipal policy, some of which do not address marijuana/cannabis or include exemptions that may not be consistent with current state definitions.

ANR Foundation is actively collecting policies for the PETS Database. **If you know of local laws that you think should be included in this matrix**, or want to inquire about additional information on particular laws, please contact the ANR Foundation at PETS-TA@no-smoke.org.