



Matrix of Smokefree Multi-Unit Housing Policies in California

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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 **100** California municipalities that have enacted ordinances that **at minimum** regulate smoking in private units of multi-unit housing. Overall, 190 California municipalities regulate smoking in multi-unit housing to some extent. The municipalities not included on this matrix have enacted policies that regulate smoking in multi-unit housing to a lesser extent than in private units (i.e. indoor common areas, outdoor common areas, and/or outdoor private use areas like balconies and patios) or limit the regulation of smoking to publicly owned/affordable multi-unit housing.

Note: This matrix includes **both** policies that are on the PETS website, which is current through March 31, 2021, **and** more recently enacted and analyzed policies that are not yet in the PETS database. Jurisdictions with new or updated policy provisions on this matrix that are not yet on PETS are denoted by ~. The matrix does not include policies that have not yet been analyzed by ANRF staff.

100 California municipalities have enacted ordinances that regulate smoking in private units of multi-unit housing (MUH):*

- **49** 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**.
- **62** 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 may not fully include e-cigarette use and/or marijuana smoking/vaping in the policy.
- **9** 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](#).

* The **100** municipalities that regulate smoking in private units of multi-unit housing to some extent cover **6,353,573 Californians**, or **16.1%** of the state population.

** The **49** municipalities with the strongest multi-unit housing laws cover **2,543,293 Californians**, or **6.5%** of the state population.

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					Policy Provisions					
Municipality	County	Key Enactment Dates	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
1. Alameda	Alameda	11/15/2011, 11/21/2017	1/1/2013 (13.5 months)	77,565	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
2. Alameda County~	Alameda	1/25/2022	7/1/2022 (5 months)	150,015	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
3. Albany	Alameda	2/21/2017, 9/5/2017	3/24/2018 (13 months)	20,027	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
4. American Canyon~	Napa	5/16/2023	6/15/2023 (1 month)	21,669	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
5. Baldwin Park	Los Angeles	11/2/2011	6/21/12 new, 12/2/14 existing (3 years)	71,692	2	100% new/ 80% existing	No	Yes	Yes	Smoking Prohibited
6. Bell Gardens	Los Angeles	10/14/2019	6/1/2021 (20 months)	39,263	3	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
7. Belmont	San Mateo	10/9/2007, 1/26/2016	1/8/2009 (15 months)	27,820	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
8. Belvedere	Marin	10/10/2016	11/9/2017 (13 months)	2,327	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
9. Benicia	Solano	12/3/2019	9/2/2020 (9 months)	27,040	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
10. Berkeley~	Alameda	12/17/2013, 10/27/2020	5/1/2014 (4.5 months)	121,385	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
11. Beverly Hills	Los Angeles	10/3/2017	1/1/2019 (15 months)	32,406	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Vaping Prohibited

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12. Brisbane	San Mateo	11/3/2016	6/3/2017 (6.5 months)	4,756	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Use Exempt
13. Buena Park~	Orange	7/11/2023	8/10/2023 (1 month)	83,542	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Vaping Prohibited
14. Burbank	Los Angeles	10/5/2010	5/1/2011 (7 months)	106,389	2	N/S ¹	No	Yes	No (Not Addressed)	Yes
15. Burlingame	San Mateo	8/17/2015	2/13/2016 (6 months)	30,995	2	100%	No	No	No (Not Addressed)	Medical Use Exempt
16. Calabasas	Los Angeles	1/16/2008, 6/11/2014, 5/27/2015	1/1/2012 (4 years)	23,106	2	80%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
17. Clayton	Contra Costa	5/1/2018	5/1/2019 (12 months)	11,070	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
18. Compton	Los Angeles	10/25/2011	1/1/2013 (14 months)	94,822	3	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
19. Concord	Contra Costa	1/7/2020	1/1/2021 (12 months)	125,007	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
20. Contra Costa County	Contra Costa	3/13/2018, 11/19/2019	7/1/2019 (15.5 months)	176,166	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
21. Corte Madera~	Marin	5/6/2014, 5/4/2021	12/2/14 new, 6/5/15 existing (13 months)	10,155	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
22. Cotati	Sonoma	10/13/2015	1/1/2017 (14.5 months)	7,545	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Use Exempt
23. Crescent City	Del Norte	11/16/2020	1/1/21 new, 1/1/22 existing (14 months)	6,379	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
24. Cudahy~	Los Angeles	12/4/2018	1/1/19 condos, 1/3/20 rentals (13 months)	22,657	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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25. Culver City	Los Angeles	10/27/2014	5/26/2016 (19 months)	40,357	2	100%	No	Yes	Specifically Exempt	Smoking Prohibited
26. Cupertino~	Santa Clara	6/16/2021	10/1/2021 (3.5 months)	59,763	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
27. Daly City	San Mateo	10/22/2012, 6/9/2014	1/21/2014 (15 months)	103,648	2	100%	No	No	Yes	Yes
28. Danville	Contra Costa	11/17/2015	5/1/2016 (5.5 months)	43,449	3	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
29. Dublin	Alameda	12/2/2008, 7/19/2011, 7/15/2014	1/1/2013 (17.5 months)	71,068	16	75%	No	No	Yes	Yes
30. El Cerrito	Contra Costa	10/7/2014	10/1/2015 (12 months)	25,869	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
31. El Monte~	Los Angeles	1/19/2016, 8/2/2022	8/19/2017 (19 months)	108,682	3	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
32. Emeryville	Alameda	9/17/2018	7/1/2019 (9.5 months)	12,840	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
33. Fairfax~	Marin	6/1/2011, 11/3/2021	9/1/2012 (15 months)	7,567	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
34. Firebaugh	Fresno	5/20/2019	7/1/2019 (1.5 months)	8,139	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
35. Foster City	San Mateo	11/17/2014	11/5/2015 (11.5 months)	33,215	N/S	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
36. Fremont	Alameda	12/6/2016	2/1/2017 (2 months)	228,795	2	100% new/ 0% existing	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
37. Fresno~	Fresno	10/28/2021	1/1/2022 (2 months)	541,528	2	100%	No	No	Yes	Yes
38. Glendale	Los Angeles	5/28/2013	6/27/2013 (1 month)	194,512	2	100% new/ 0% existing	No	Yes	No (Not Addressed)	Smoking Prohibited
39. Guadalupe~	Santa Barbara	7/28/2020	8/27/2020 (1 month)	8,272	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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40. Half Moon Bay	San Mateo	10/16/2018	1/15/2020 (15 months)	11,633	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Vaping Exempt
41. Healdsburg	Sonoma	5/6/2019	5/6/2020 (12 months)	11,481	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
42. Hercules	Contra Costa	5/14/2019	7/1/2020 (14 months)	26,041	10	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
43. Huntington Park	Los Angeles	3/5/2012	7/1/2013 (16 months)	54,547	2	100% rental/ 80% condos	Yes, condos	80%	Yes	Yes
44. Jurupa Valley~	Riverside	2/4/2021	3/6/21 new, 8/3/21 designated units (6 months)	105,672	3	100% new/ designated existing units	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
45. Lafayette	Contra Costa	11/12/2013	2/10/2014 (3 months)	25,310	3	100% new/ 0% existing	Yes	Yes	Specifically Exempt	No (Not Addressed)
46. Larkspur~	Marin	4/20/2011, 8/18/2021	5/20/11 new, 11/17/11 existing (7 months)	12,969	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
47. Loma Linda	San Bernardino	6/24/2008	1/1/2012 (3.5 years)	24,883	2	70%	Yes	No	No (Not Addressed)	Smoking Prohibited
48. Los Gatos	Santa Clara	5/26/2016	6/25/2017 (13 months)	33,093	2	100%	No	No	Yes	Yes
49. Manhattan Beach	Los Angeles	10/20/2015	5/5/2017 (18.5 months)	35,123	3	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
50. Marin County~	Marin	5/22/2012, 9/14/2021	2/16/13 new, 8/20/13 existing (15 months)	67,676	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
51. Mill Valley	Marin	10/19/2015	11/18/2016 (13 months)	14,199	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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52. Millbrae	San Mateo	7/23/2019	1/1/2020 (5 months)	22,825	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
53. Milpitas~	Santa Clara	6/15/2021	1/1/2022 (6.5 months)	79,092	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
54. Monte Sereno~	Santa Clara	9/1/2020	10/1/2020 (1 month)	3,444	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
55. Moorpark	Ventura	12/20/2017	2/1/2019 (13.5 months)	36,073	2	100%	No	No	Yes	Yes
56. Morro Bay	San Luis Obispo	4/28/2020	8/1/2020 (3 months)	10,766	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
57. Mountain View~	Santa Clara	6/8/2021	1/1/2022 (6.5 months)	82,132	3	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
58. Novato	Marin	4/23/2008, 1/24/2017	1/1/2018 (11 months)	53,055	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
59. Oakley	Contra Costa	2/11/2014	4/1/2014 (1.5 months)	43,525	2	100% new/ 0% existing	No	Yes	No (Not Addressed)	Vaping Exempt
60. Pacific Grove	Monterey	12/18/2019	10/1/2021 (21.5 months)	15,098	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
61. Pacifica	San Mateo	9/9/2019	10/9/2020 (13 months)	38,048	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
62. Palo Alto~	Santa Clara	1/9/2017	1/1/2018 (12 months)	67,901	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Smoking Prohibited
63. Pasadena~	Los Angeles	7/11/2011, 11/1/2021	1/1/2013 (18 months)	137,554	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
64. Petaluma	Sonoma	1/28/2013	1/1/2014 (11 months)	59,682	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
65. Pinole	Contra Costa	4/20/2010, 9/17/2019	10/18/2019 (1 month)	18,946	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	No (Not Addressed)

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66. Pleasant Hill~	Contra Costa	4/5/2010, 2/7/2022	4/5/10 new, 1/1/16 existing (5 years)	34,504	4	100% new/ 50% existing	No	No	Yes	Yes
67. Pleasanton~	Alameda	9/5/2017, 12/21/2021	10/4/2018 (13 months)	78,691	2	100%	No	No ²	Yes	Medical Use Exempt in Outdoor Area
68. Rancho Cordova	Sacramento	10/5/2020	10/5/2021 (12 months)	79,128	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
69. Redwood City	San Mateo	11/13/2017	1/1/2019 (13.5 months)	83,077	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
70. Richmond	Contra Costa	7/21/2009, 1/14/2014	1/1/2011 (17.5 months)	115,619	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Smoking Exempt
71. Riverside~	Riverside	6/28/2022	7/28/2022 (1 month)	316,076	2	100% new/ 0% existing	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
72. Rohnert Park	Sonoma	1/23/2018	4/23/2018 (3 months)	44,461	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
73. Ross	Marin	1/11/2019	2/9/2020 (13 months)	2,537	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
74. San Anselmo	Marin	12/9/2014	1/8/2016 (13 months)	12,761	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
75. San Bruno	San Mateo	11/22/2016	2/22/2018 (15 months)	43,218	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
76. San Carlos	San Mateo	4/8/2019	7/8/2020 (15 months)	30,490	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
77. San Mateo	San Mateo	10/5/2015, 7/17/2017	8/16/2017 (1 month)	104,165	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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78. San Mateo County	San Mateo	11/4/2014	2/4/2016 (15 months)	62,509	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Specifically Exempt
79. San Pablo	Contra Costa	2/18/2020	7/1/2021 (16.5 months)	31,907	2	100%	No	No	Yes	Yes
80. San Rafael	Marin	10/15/2012, 4/18/2016	11/14/2013 (13 months)	60,891	3	100%	No	Yes	Specifically Exempt	No (Not Addressed)
81. Santa Clara	Santa Clara	2/5/2019	8/1/2019 (6 months)	128,058	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
82. Santa Clara County	Santa Clara	11/9/2010, 6/24/2014	2/7/2012 (15 months)	89,803	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	No (Not Addressed)
83. Santa Monica	Los Angeles	10/23/2012, 10/14/2014	11/22/2012 (1 month)	92,168	N/S	100% new/ Designated existing units	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
84. Santa Rosa	Sonoma	7/7/2015	8/7/2016 (13 months)	178,221	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
85. Saratoga	Santa Clara	8/17/2016	9/16/2016 (1 month)	30,771	4	100%	No	No	Yes	Yes
86. Sausalito~	Marin	7/31/2012, 5/9/2023	2/27/13 new, 8/30/13 existing (13 months)	7,233	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
87. Sebastopol	Sonoma	8/3/2010, 11/15/2011	11/2/2011 (15 months)	7,503	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Use Exempt
88. Sierra Madre~	Los Angeles	10/25/2022	4/1/2024 new, 10/1/2024 existing (23 months)	11,151	4	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
89. Sonoma	Sonoma	11/8/2016	12/12/2016 (1 month)	10,702	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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90. Sonoma County	Sonoma	9/13/2011	1/12/2013 (16 months)	133,557	2	100%	No	Yes	No (Not Addressed)	No (Not Addressed)
91. South Pasadena	Los Angeles	8/4/2010	3/3/11 new, 9/4/13 existing (3 years)	26,583	2	100% new/ 80% existing	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
92. South San Francisco	San Mateo	11/9/2016	11/9/2017 (12 months)	65,596	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
93. Sunnyvale	Santa Clara	2/23/2016	9/23/2016 (7 months)	154,573	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
94. Temecula	Riverside	5/8/2007	11/8/07 new, 6/7/12 existing (5 years)	110,114	10	25%	Yes	N/S	No (Not Addressed)	Medical Use Exempt
95. Tiburon	Marin	7/18/2018	10/18/2018 (3 months)	9,115	3	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
96. Union City	Alameda	11/23/2010	2/23/2012 (15 months)	69,502	2	100%	No	No	Yes	Yes
97. Vallejo~	Solano	5/24/2022	9/21/2022 (4 months)	125,132	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
98. Walnut Creek	Contra Costa	10/1/2013, 6/6/2017	1/30/2014 (4 months)	69,809	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Vaping Exempt
99. West Hollywood~	Los Angeles	4/19/2021	5/19/2021 (1 month)	35,358	3	100% new/ 0% existing	No	Yes	Specifically Exempt	Smoking and Vaping Exempt
100. Windsor	Sonoma	5/17/2017	8/15/2017 (3 months)	26,320	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Explanatory Notes:

The population data in this matrix is from the U.S. Census Bureau 2018-2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

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 all rental **and** condominium/owner-occupied properties with 2 or more units to be 100% smokefree—whether or not the policy addresses e-cigarette use and marijuana smoking/vaping—have a blue background.

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 rental units to be smokefree are listed in [blue text](#).

In California, county Boards of Supervisors have the authority to pass policies for the unincorporated areas of the county, and these policies generally do not apply to incorporated cities/towns located within the county. Thus, the matrix lists the population of the unincorporated area of each county.

~ = Jurisdiction has new or updated policy provisions not yet available on the PETS website.

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

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

² = Smoking is not prohibited in condominium units, but is prohibited in indoor and outdoor common areas, and on balconies/patios, of condominium properties with 3+ units.

Note: ANRF is aware of additional smokefree housing policies enacted in jurisdictions that will be added to the matrix once the policies have undergone PETS analysis.

Definitions:

Key Enactment Dates: The date of the jurisdiction's primary policy addressing smoking in units of MUH, as well as the dates of any additional policies that impact the provisions that appear on this matrix, such as amending the definition of smoking to include ESDs or removing a marijuana exemption. Jurisdictions may have enacted additional policies that do not contain substantive changes for this matrix, such as changing an enforcement provision.

Effective Date: The final date when the primary 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\(2\)](#) prohibits smoking marijuana/cannabis in almost all locations where smoking tobacco is prohibited, including residential areas. 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.