



# New Coronado Smoking Ordinance to go into effect January 1, 2014

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## Where is smoking prohibited outdoors in Coronado?

On Public Property – In addition to the City’s current prohibition on smoking in parks and at beaches, the new ordinance prohibits smoking on all public property, including streets, highways, alleys, rights of way, parkways, sidewalks, parking lots and pathways.

On Private Property Within 25 Feet of an Enclosed Building – Smoking also is not allowed on private property within 25 feet of a doorway or window of an enclosed building in which indoor smoking is prohibited by the state. Smoking, however, may be permitted in an outdoor dining area if a majority of the outdoor dining area is located on private property. This does not apply to residential property – see places where smoking is allowed below.

On Private Property When Open to the General Public – Smoking is prohibited on outdoor private property if it is open to the general public for an event, for recreational purposes, or as a service area such as an ATM, ticket line, or parking stand, etc.

## Are there any exceptions? **YES**

On the Coronado Golf Course.

Outdoor Dining on private property – Smoking may be allowed on an outdoor dining patio if it is exclusively located on private property and the owner permits it. If a restaurant’s outdoor dining area is located on both private and public property (such as on a public sidewalk), the larger of the two dining areas will determine if smoking is allowed. If the larger portion of a contiguous outdoor dining area is on private property, smoking may be allowed in both areas. If the larger area is on public property, smoking is prohibited in both areas.

## Where is smoking allowed in Coronado?

Private Property – Smoking continues to be allowed outdoors on private property, with the exceptions noted above. This includes, but is not limited to, private parking lots, patios, lawns, and designated smoking areas, as long as these areas are at least 25 feet from a doorway or window and the property owner permits smoking.

Residential Property – Smoking is allowed on all outdoor residential property, regardless of its distance away from any doorway or window from an enclosed building in which smoking is prohibited.



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## How will these new outdoor smoking regulations be enforced?

Public Responsibility – Those responsible for an outdoor area in which smoking is prohibited shall not knowingly allow smoking in that area. In addition, they shall post “No Smoking” or “Smoke Free” signs at the point of ingress and one other conspicuous place within the outdoor no smoking area.

City Responsibility – The City will be replacing existing signage in the business districts, parks, beaches, parking lots and walkways with new signage stating there is “No Smoking on Public Property.” The City anticipates that most people will voluntarily comply with these new regulations. However, City Code Enforcement staff and the Police Department will respond to complaints of smoking violations and request voluntary compliance. In the rare case of non-compliance, the City has the ability to issue a citation in an amount up to \$100 for the first offense.

## Does the City’s new smoking ordinance address electronic cigarettes?

No, it does not.

## State of California no smoking regulations

The State of California prohibits smoking in places of employment indoors, including restaurants, bars and nightclubs. The State also prohibits smoking within 25 feet of a playground or tot lot and within 20 feet of a government building.

## The Dangers of Second Hand Smoke

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there is no risk-free level of contact with secondhand smoke; even brief exposure can be harmful to health.

## Additional Information

Additional information and sample no smoking sign artwork can be downloaded from the City’s website at <http://www.coronado.ca.us/nosmoking>.

