



City of Ojai

Smoking Now Prohibited in Multi-unit Residences

Did you know?

- The City of Ojai seeks to protect residents and visitors as much as possible from the adverse health effects of second-hand tobacco smoke.
- The City of Ojai's municipal code already prohibits smoking in common areas in apartment buildings, condominiums, retirement facilities and dormitories (*Ojai Municipal Code Section 5-10.03*).
- Effective July 25, 2019, smoking is also prohibited inside multi-unit housing units.



Where does the new ban apply?

The smoking ban applies inside individual apartments and condominiums, senior and assisted living facilities, group homes, long-term health care facilities, mobile home parks and campgrounds.

It includes common areas at these facilities except for designated outdoor smoking areas. Units with separate ventilation systems may be excepted, contingent on inspection and approval by the City Building Official.



Does the ban apply to smoking cannabis and to e-cigarettes?

The ban applies to smoking of tobacco products, cannabis and to electronic cigarettes (vaping). It does not apply to cannabis edibles.



Can I be fined?

Yes. The fine is \$100 for a first infraction and up to \$500 for subsequent infractions.



I am an apartment complex owner or manager. What do I need to do? Incorporate ban into leases.

Every new and renewed lease must prohibit smoking in apartments and common areas.

Post “No Smoking” signs.

Owners or managers must post “No Smoking” signs in sufficient numbers and locations to inform residents and visitors that smoking is prohibited. Sign lettering must be at least one-inch tall or contain a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette in a red circle, crossed by a red bar.

Provide written notice to tenants.

Owners or managers must provide written notice to all tenants stating that smoking is prohibited in all common areas, except for designated smoking areas. Designated smoking areas must be at least 25 feet away from all units and all areas primarily used by children.



Where can I get more information?

The City of Ojai's Community Development Department staff are happy to answer any questions. You may contact them at (805) 646-5581 x112 or by visiting City Hall at 401 S. Ventura St. from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.