

Laguna Beach

**IS A
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CITY**



Frequently Asked Questions

When did the new ordinance go into effect?

The ordinance went into effect on June 23, 2017.

Which public areas are affected by the new ordinance?

The ordinance applies citywide to any indoor or outdoor public place publicly or privately owned, including but not limited to sidewalks, streets, alleys, dining areas, bars, plazas, beaches and beach access pathways, parks, parking lots, parking structures, picnic areas, playgrounds, sports fields, bike paths, and hazardous fire areas.

Does the ordinance apply to private residential property?

NO. The ordinance does not apply to private residential property (i.e., single-family homes). However, the ordinance does apply to common areas of multi-unit residential property.

How are multi-unit residential properties affected?

Smoking is prohibited in any common area of a multi-unit residence. A multi-unit residence is defined as a property having two or more units available to be rented and not occupied by a landlord. Common areas include lobbies, laundry rooms, outdoor eating areas, play areas, and swimming pools. Common areas do not include private balconies or patios for the exclusive use of a resident.

Where else is smoking prohibited?

Smoking is also prohibited in hazardous fire areas, places of employment, in City facilities and on City property.

Are there any exceptions?

YES. Smoking is only permitted in two areas in Laguna Beach:
-On private residential property, other than those used as a child-care or health-care facility
-Within a vehicle

Does the new ordinance address electronic cigarettes and vaping?

YES. Electronic cigarettes and vaporizers, along with all tobacco and marijuana products, are included in the City's definition of smoking and are prohibited wherever the use of cigarettes is prohibited.

How much are the fines if someone is caught violating the ordinance?

Violations of the ordinance are considered an infraction and penalties range from \$100 for a first violation, \$200 for a second violation, and \$500 for a third violation.

For More Information Visit:
www.lagunabeachcity.net/smoking

