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3.47 NO SMOKING POLICY (Adopted 4-7-09; Amended 3-25-14)

The health hazards from smoking tobacco products, as well as the second-hand smoke and third-hand smoke generated by such smoking, are well documented. The use of tobacco products is detrimental to the health of smokers and nonsmokers and is one of the most preventable causes of death. Second-hand and third-hand smoke endangers the health and well-being of nonsmokers by exposing them to many of the same carcinogens as the smoker.

The use of electronic smoking devices – such as e-cigarettes – and emissions from those devices also present health hazards. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's analysis of electronic cigarette samples has found carcinogens and toxic chemicals to which individuals could be exposed. Therefore, for purposes of this policy, the term “smoking” shall include use of any electronic smoking device. “Electronic smoking device” shall mean an electronic and/or battery-operated device that can deliver an inhalable dose of nicotine to the user. “Electronic smoking device” includes any product meeting this definition, regardless of whether it is manufactured, distributed, marketed or sold as an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, electronic hookah, electronic vape, vaporizer or any other product name or descriptor.

The Board of Supervisors adopts this policy to protect the public health and welfare of County employees and visitors.



Prohibition on Smoking at and around County-Owned and Operated Facilities and County-Leased Facilities

Smoking shall be prohibited within any enclosed structure owned or leased by the County, wherever located, and at all unenclosed places within 30 feet of any operable doorway, window, vent or other opening into such a building. At all current and future County-operated health facilities and clinics where patient care is provided, however, this smoking prohibition shall extend at least as far as the property line.

Staff have an ongoing obligation to work with the landlords of leased buildings where the County is one of several occupants, to encourage a prohibition on smoking in or within 30 feet surrounding those leased buildings.

Smoking Prohibition for County Vehicles

It is the policy of the County of Santa Clara to prohibit smoking in all County vehicles.

Signs

"No Smoking" signs that give notice of this County policy shall be posted in appropriate locations visible to County employees and visitors. Such signs shall explain that the prohibition includes use of electronic smoking devices.

Prohibition on Selling Tobacco Products and Electronic Smoking Devices on County-Owned and Operated Property

The following products shall not be sold on any property owned and operated by the County: tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, as



well as any components, accessories, or cartridges specifically designed for use with an electronic smoking device.

Promote Smoking Cessation

A summary of the County's no-smoking policy shall be included in all contracts and leases, including personal service contracts, where smoking cessation could be influenced. Contractors shall be required to abide by this policy while working on County property described in this policy.

Smoking cessation resources should be placed alongside "No Smoking" signs, where feasible, to support those who would like to stop smoking.

Related Policies

- General Contract Policies and Provisions – Board Policy 5.5 - <https://saecommon.sccgov.org/countypolicy/Board-Policy-5.5-General-Contract-Policies-and-Provisions.pdf>

Related Forms and Information

None.

History

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