



Matrix of Smokefree Multi-Unit Housing Policies in California

As of April 1, 2021

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 municipalities that have enacted ordinances that at a minimum regulate smoking in private units of multi-unit housing. Municipalities not included in this matrix may have policies that regulate smoking in multi-unit housing to a lesser extent than in private units, such as by prohibiting smoking only in indoor common areas or only on patios and balconies.

Note: This information is based on the policies in the PETS database as of March 31, 2021. More recently enacted or amended policies may not yet be in the PETS database and thus are not yet reflected on this matrix.

As of April 1, 2021: **84** California municipalities have enacted ordinances that regulate smoking in private units of multi-unit housing (MUH):*

- **35** 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**.
- **49** 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 do not fully include e-cigarette use and/or marijuana smoking/vaping in the policy.
- **6** 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 84 municipalities that regulate smoking in private units of multi-unit housing to some extent cover **4,645,374 Californians**, or **11.8%** of the state population.

** The 35 municipalities with the strongest multi-unit housing laws cover **1,783,988 Californians**, or **4.5%** of the state population.

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		Policy Provisions								
Municipality	County	Most Recent Enactment Date	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	1/1/2013 (13.5 months)	78,522	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
2. Albany	Alameda	2/21/2017	3/24/2018 (13 months)	19,804	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
3. Baldwin Park	Los Angeles	11/2/2011	6/21/12 new, 12/2/14 existing (3 years)	75,892	2	100% new, 80% existing	No	Yes	Yes	Smoking Prohibited
4. Bell Gardens #	Los Angeles	10/14/2019	6/1/2021 (20 months)	42,421	3	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
5. Belmont	San Mateo	10/9/2007	1/8/2009 (15 months)	27,097	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
6. Belvedere	Marin	10/10/2016	11/9/2017 (13 months)	2,134	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
7. Benicia	Solano	12/3/2019	9/2/2020 (9 months)	28,192	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
8. Berkeley	Alameda	12/17/2013	5/1/2014 (4.5 months)	121,485	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Use Exempt
9. Beverley Hills	Los Angeles	10/3/2017	1/1/2019 (15 months)	34,186	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Vaping Prohibited
10. Brisbane	San Mateo	11/3/2016	6/3/2017 (6.5 months)	4,697	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Use Exempt
11. Burlingame	San Mateo	8/17/2015	2/13/2016 (6 months)	30,576	2	100%	No	No	No (Not Addressed)	Medical Use Exempt
12. Calabasas	Los Angeles	1/16/2008	1/1/2012 (4 years)	23,988	2	80%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
13. Clayton	Contra Costa	5/1/2018	5/1/2019 (12 months)	12,083	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
14. Compton	Los Angeles	10/25/2011	1/1/2013 (14 months)	96,803	3	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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15. Concord	Contra Costa	1/7/2020	1/1/2021 (12 months)	129,183	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
16. Contra Costa County^		3/13/2018	7/1/2019 (15.5 months)	177,494	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
17. Corte Madera	Marin	5/6/2014	12/2/14 new; 6/5/15 existing (13 months)	9,838	2	100% new, 80% existing	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Use Exempt
18. Cotati	Sonoma	10/13/2015	1/1/2017 (14.5 months)	7,454	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Use Exempt
19. Crescent City	Del Norte	11/16/2020	1/1/21 new; 1/1/22 existing (14 months)	6,676	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
20. Culver City	Los Angeles	10/27/2014	5/26/2016 (19 months)	39,169	2	100%	No	Yes	Specifically Exempt	Smoking Prohibited
21. Daly City	San Mateo	10/22/2012	1/21/2014 (15 months)	106,677	2	100%	No	No	Yes	Yes
22. Danville	Contra Costa	11/17/2015	5/1/2016 (5.5 months)	44,605	3	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
23. Dublin	Alameda	7/19/2011	1/1/2013 (17.5 months)	61,240	16	75%	No	No	Yes	Yes
24. El Cerrito	Contra Costa	10/7/2014	10/1/2015 (12 months)	25,398	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
25. El Monte	Los Angeles	1/19/2016	8/19/2017 (19 months)	115,517	3	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Use Exempt
26. Emeryville	Alameda	9/17/2018	7/1/2019 (9.5 months)	11,899	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
27. Fairfax	Marin	6/1/2011	9/1/2012 (15 months)	7,578	4	75%	No	No	Yes	Yes
28. Firebaugh	Fresno	5/20/2019	7/1/2019 (1.5 months)	8,300	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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29. Foster City	San Mateo	11/17/2014	11/5/2015 (11.5 months)	33,997	N/S	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
30. Fremont	Alameda	12/6/2016	2/1/2017 (2 months)	235,740	2	100% new, 0% existing	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
31. Glendale	Los Angeles	5/28/2013	6/27/2013 (1 month)	200,232	2	100% new, 0% existing	No	Yes	No (Not Addressed)	Yes
32. Half Moon Bay	San Mateo	10/16/2018	1/15/2020 (15 months)	12,834	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Vaping Exempt
33. Healdsburg	Sonoma	5/6/2019	5/6/2020 (12 months)	11,845	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
34. Hercules	Contra Costa	5/14/2019	7/1/2020 (14 months)	25,616	10	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
35. Huntington Park	Los Angeles	3/5/2012	7/1/2013 (16 months)	58,353	2	100% rental, 80% condos	Yes, condos	80%	Yes	Yes
36. Lafayette	Contra Costa	11/12/2013	2/10/2014 (3 months)	26,305	3	100% new, 0% existing	Yes	Yes	Specifically Exempt	No
37. Larkspur	Marin	4/20/2011	5/20/11 new, 11/17/11 existing (7 months)	12,319	2	100% new, 80% existing	Yes	Yes	No (Not Addressed)	Yes
38. Loma Linda	San Bernardino	6/24/2008	1/1/2012 (3.5 years)	24,184	2	70%	Yes	No	No (Not Addressed)	Smoking Prohibited
39. Los Gatos	Santa Clara	5/26/2016	6/25/2017 (13 months)	30,729	2	100%	No	No	Yes	Yes
40. Manhattan Beach	Los Angeles	10/20/2015	5/5/2017 (18.5 months)	35,500	3	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
41. Marin County^		5/22/2012	2/16/13 new, 8/20/13 existing (15 months)	68,252	2	100% new, 80% existing	No	Yes	Specifically Exempt	Medical Use Exempt

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42. Millbrae	San Mateo	7/23/2019	1/1/2020 (5 months)	22,625	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
43. Mill Valley	Marin	10/19/2015	11/18/2016 (13 months)	14,330	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
44. Moorpark	Ventura	12/20/2017	2/1/2019 (13.5 months)	36,372	2	100%	No	No	Yes	Yes
45. Morro Bay	San Luis Obispo	4/28/2020	8/1/2020 (3 months)	10,578	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
46. Novato	Marin	1/24/2017	1/1/2018 (11 months)	55,642	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
47. Oakley	Contra Costa	2/11/2014	4/1/2014 (1.5 months)	41,324	2	100% new, 0% existing	No	Yes	No	Vaping Exempt
48. Pacific Grove#	Monterey	12/18/2019	10/1/2021 (21.5 months)	15,522	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
49. Pacifica	San Mateo	9/9/2019	10/9/2020 (13 months)	38,984	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
50. Palo Alto	Santa Clara	1/9/2017	1/1/2018 (12 months)	66,573	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
51. Pasadena	Los Angeles	7/11/2011	1/1/2013 (18 months)	141,258	2	100%	No	Yes	No (Not Addressed)	Yes
52. Petaluma	Sonoma	1/28/2013	1/1/2014 (11 months)	60,767	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
53. Pinole	Contra Costa	9/17/2019	10/18/2019 (1 month)	19,279	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	No
54. Pleasant Hill	Contra Costa	4/5/2010	4/5/10 new, 1/1/16 existing (5 years)	34,840	4	100% new, 50% existing	No	No	Yes	Vaping Prohibited
55. Pleasanton	Alameda	9/5/2017	10/4/2018 (13 months)	81,717	2	100%	No	No	Yes	Medical Use Exempt in Outdoor area

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56. Rancho Cordova#	Sacramento	10/5/2020	10/5/2021 (12 months)	73,147	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
57. Redwood City	San Mateo	11/13/2017	1/1/2019 (13.5 months)	85,784	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
58. Richmond	Contra Costa	7/21/2009	1/1/2011 (17.5 months)	109,884	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Smoking Exempt
59. Rohnert Park	Sonoma	1/23/2018	4/23/2018 (3 months)	42,902	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
60. Ross	Marin	1/11/2019	2/9/2020 (13 months)	2,290	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
61. San Anselmo	Marin	12/9/2014	1/8/2016 (13 months)	12,525	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
62. San Bruno	San Mateo	11/22/2016	2/22/2018 (15 months)	43,083	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
63. San Carlos	San Mateo	4/8/2019	7/8/2020 (15 months)	30,154	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
64. San Mateo	San Mateo	7/17/2017	8/16/2017 (1 month)	104,333	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
65. San Mateo County^		11/4/2014	2/4/2016 (15 months)	65,392	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	No
66. San Pablo#	Contra Costa	2/18/2020	7/1/2021 (16.5 months)	30,967	2	100%	No	No	Yes	Yes
67. San Rafael	Marin	10/15/2012	11/14/2013 (13 months)	58,775	3	100%	No	Yes	Specifically exempt	No
68. Santa Clara	Santa Clara	2/5/2019	8/1/2019 (6 months)	127,721	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
69. Santa Clara County^		11/9/2010	2/9/2012 (15 months)	83,699	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	No

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70. Santa Monica	Los Angeles	10/23/2012	11/22/2012 (1 month)	91,577	N/S	100% new, designated existing units	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
71. Santa Rosa	Sonoma	7/7/2015	8/7/2016 (13 months)	179,701	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
72. Saratoga	Santa Clara	8/17/2016	9/16/2016 (1 month)	30,697	4	100%	No	No	Yes	Yes
73. Sausalito	Marin	7/31/2012	2/27/13 new, 8/30/13 existing (13 months)	7,116	2	100% new, 80% existing	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Smoking Exempt
74. Sebastopol	Sonoma	8/3/2010	11/2/2011 (15 months)	7,760	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	No
75. Sonoma	Sonoma	11/8/2016	12/12/2016 (1 month)	11,075	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
76. Sonoma County^		9/13/2011	1/12/2013 (16 months)	142,067	2	100%	No	Yes	No	No
77. South Pasadena	Los Angeles	8/4/2010	3/3/11 new, 9/4/13 existing (3 years)	25,661	2	100% new, 80% existing	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
78. South San Francisco	San Mateo	11/9/2016	11/9/2017 (12 months)	67,408	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
79. Sunnyvale	Santa Clara	2/23/2016	9/23/2016 (7 months)	152,770	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
80. Temecula	Riverside	5/8/2007	11/8/07 new, 6/7/12 existing (5 years)	113,381	10	25%	Yes	N/S	No (Not Addressed)	Medical Use Exempt
81. Tiburon	Marin	7/18/2018	10/18/2018 (3 months)	9,144	3	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
82. Union City	Alameda	11/23/2010	2/23/2012	74,722	2	100%	No	No	Yes	Yes

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			(15 months)							
83. Walnut Creek	Contra Costa	10/1/2013	1/30/2014 (4 months)	69,567	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Medical Vaping Exempt
84. Windsor	Sonoma	5/17/2017	8/15/2017 (3 months)	27,447	2	100%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Explanatory Notes:

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

= Law is enacted but will not be fully in effect until the listed Effective Date.

^ = Law applies only to unincorporated areas of the county. Population listed is for unincorporated areas of the county.

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

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

Definitions:

Most Recent Enactment Date: The date the municipality’s most recent policy addressing smoking in MUH was enacted. Jurisdictions may have enacted multiple policies regulating smoking in MUH. The enactment dates of any prior policies addressing smoking in MUH are not listed here. The matrix lists the most recent year that a policy was enacted or amended. The information on the matrix is based on policies in

the PETS database as of March 31, 2021. More recently enacted or amended policies may not yet be in the PETS database and thus are not yet reflected on this matrix.

Effective Date: The final date when the 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\(2\)](#) does not permit smoking marijuana/cannabis in a location where smoking tobacco is prohibited. 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.

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