

**What if I'm at a place of business that doesn't have a designated smoking area? Where can I go to smoke?**

Select an area in which no non-smoker is present and due to the time of day or other factors, it is reasonable to expect that another person will not arrive.

Remember that if someone complains or is affected, you will need to select a new location or refrain from smoking.

**What is the consequence if I violate the law by smoking in a public place?**

Enforcement can include fines of up to \$500 for each offense.

The City anticipates using verbal warnings and education as the primary means of enforcement.

**What are the health effects of exposure to secondhand smoke?**

Secondhand smoke is responsible for as many as 73,000 deaths among non-smokers each year in the United States.

The U. S. Surgeon General concluded that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

**What harm can cigarette butt litter cause?**

Cigarette butts are the most littered item in the world; over 175 million pounds are discarded in the U.S. yearly.

Butts are not biodegradable and often thrown onto sidewalks and streets ending up in storm drains that lead to the ocean affecting sea life.

**How is this law helpful to me?**

This law:

- ◆ Provides a cleaner and safer environment for us to live, work and play
- ◆ Reduces your exposure to second-hand smoke and its associated risks
- ◆ Protects our environment from cigarette butt litter

**Where can I find more information about the ordinance?**

The ordinance is posted on the City's website at [www.carpinteria.ca.us](http://www.carpinteria.ca.us)



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# Smoking Regulations Information



**CLEAN AND GREEN**  
A Smoke-Free City



# Carpinteria's Smoke-Free Air Commitment



Carpinteria prides itself on being a healthy city for residents and visitors.

The City's first law restricting smoking was adopted in 1985. The prohibition on smoking in our public parks and on our beaches was enacted in 2004.

Recently, the City Council adopted a Comprehensive Secondhand Smoke Control Ordinance to provide for smoke-free air in public places and areas where smokers and non-smokers might interact.

The Ordinance goes into effect on May 16, 2011 and limits public exposure to second-hand smoke in public areas within the City.

In addition to our local laws, all state laws regarding smoking including the prohibitions against smoking in places of employment are in effect.

## SMOKING REGULATIONS QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



### Where is smoking prohibited?

Smoking is prohibited in all public places in the City where other persons can be exposed to secondhand smoke.

Except as otherwise provided by state or federal law, smoking is prohibited everywhere in the City, including:

- ◆ Any public or private place that is open to the general public
- ◆ Common areas of multi-family dwellings, such as apartment buildings and condominiums
- ◆ Places of employment
- ◆ Enclosed and unenclosed places of hotels, restaurants, bars and other public accommodations
- ◆ Ticket, boarding and waiting areas of all public transit depots and bus stops, enclosed or not



### Where is smoking allowed?

Except in the City's parks and beaches and where prohibited by federal or state law, smoking is allowed in the following locations:

- ◆ Private residential properties
- ◆ In up to 25 percent of guest rooms in hotels that permit smoking
- ◆ Designated smoking areas
- ◆ Inside a private automobile when no minor child is present
- ◆ Any unenclosed area in which no non-smoker is present and, due to the time of day or other factors, it is not reasonable to expect another person to arrive

### What should I do if I witness someone violating the law?

If you are at a business or restaurant, please ask an employee to enforce the ordinance. If you are on a public street or in another public place, ask the smoker to extinguish the cigarette.

If you are uncomfortable doing so, or the person refuses your request, please call Code Compliance Officers at (805) 684-5405 ext. 413 or 418.