



City of Laguna Woods Code Enforcement Division

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – SMOKING REGULATIONS

WHERE IS SMOKING PROHIBITED?

Chapter 7.16 of the Laguna Woods Municipal Code prohibits smoking in a variety of indoor and outdoor areas, including but not limited to:

- **Patios and balconies** unless fully enclosed by closed windows and doors to prevent the escape of smoke
- In certain areas of multi-unit residential buildings:
 - Lobbies, hallways, game rooms, meeting rooms, laundry rooms, and other **common areas**
 - Unenclosed hallways, entryways, breezeways, stairways, and other **common areas** accessible and usable by more than one residence
- Enclosed or semi-enclosed **carports** shared by more than one residence
- Indoor **recreation or sports facilities**, including clubhouses
- **Swimming pools** and adjacent decks
- All **places of employment**, including work areas, meeting rooms, offices, hallways, and employee lounges
- **Within 20 feet of any entrance**, opening, crack, or vent into an area where smoking is prohibited



All **businesses** are required to have posted at every entrance a conspicuous sign clearly stating that smoking is prohibited.

Smoking is prohibited in all indoor and outdoor restaurant **dining areas** and, as such, ashtrays may not be present.

Please note that the City does not regulate smoking inside private homes, regardless of whether or not windows or doors are open.

WHAT ARE THE FINES FOR ILLEGAL SMOKING?

Individuals who smoke in areas where smoking is prohibited may be fined up to \$50 per violation. Businesses and property managers who fail to comply with the City's smoking regulations are subject to fines ranging from \$100 to \$500 per violation.

HOW CAN I REPORT ILLEGAL SMOKING?

Complaints can be directed to the City's Code Enforcement Division at (949) 639-0522; code@lagunawoodscity.org; or 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.