

COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE

SMOKING POLICY

Effective Date: July 1, 1991

Revised: June 2001

The voters of the County of Tuolumne have ordained the Clean Indoor Air and Health Protection Ordinance (Tuolumne County Ordinance No. 2077) which regulates the prohibition of smoking in all public places and work places. They have found that numerous studies find tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution, and that breathing secondhand smoke is a cause of disease, including lung cancer, in nonsmokers. At special risk are elderly people, individuals with cardiovascular disease, and individuals with impaired respiratory function, including asthmatics and those with obstructive airway disease. Health hazards induced by breathing second-hand smoke include lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory infection, decreased respiratory function, bronchoconstriction, and broncho spasm. Accordingly, the voters of the County of Tuolumne have found and have declared that the purposes of Ordinance No. 2077 are:

1. To protect the public health and welfare by prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment; and
2. To guarantee the right of nonsmokers to breathe smoke-free air, and to recognize that the need to breathe smoke-free air shall have priority over the desire to smoke.

Tuolumne County is dedicated to providing a healthy, comfortable and productive work environment for its employees and members of the public, and in complying with the will of the voters of the County of Tuolumne. Therefore, effective November 22, 1994:

Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed facilities within this place of employment without exception. This includes common work areas, auditoriums, classrooms, conference and meeting rooms, private offices, elevators, hallways, entrances, exits, medical facilities, cafeterias, employee lounges, stairs, restrooms, vehicles, and all other enclosed facilities.

Ordinance No. 2077, in its entirety, is included as a part of this policy and shall serve in all ways applicable as the Tuolumne County Smoking Policy.

Tuolumne County Enforcement Procedures

The success of this policy will depend upon the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of smokers and nonsmokers. All employees share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing the policy. Any conflicts should be brought to the attention of the appropriate

supervisory personnel and, failing resolution, can be filed as a formal grievance as outlined in the appropriate Memoranda of Understanding between the County and its representation units. Employees, as well as members of the public, have the greater right under this policy to file a complaint with the County's department of Public Health.