

Who do I call for more information?

Call the Shasta County Tobacco Education Program at (530) 225-5134 for more information about the ordinance. Staff are available to provide information and technical assistance for businesses.

The Shasta County Tobacco Education Program also offers tobacco cessation resources and materials, free signs, and information on the health effects related to smoking, secondhand smoke and the dangers of Electronic Smoking Devices.

Disclaimer

This brochure is only a summary of Chapter 8.45 and is not a substitute for the actual legal document. To review the ordinance specifics, please refer to Chapter 8.45 of the Shasta County Code. To obtain a copy of the ordinance call the Shasta County Tobacco Education Program at (530) 225-5134 or visit www.tobaccofreeshasta.org.



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an informational guide to the

Amended Shasta County Smoking Ordinance



Smoking, including the use of Electronic Smoking Devices, is prohibited in worksites and public places in Shasta County, City of Anderson, City of Redding, and City of Shasta Lake.

Shasta County Code Chapter 8.45

What you NEED TO KNOW about Shasta County's amended smoking ordinance

What are electronic smoking devices?

Electronic Smoking Devices, commonly known as "e-cigarettes", are battery-powered devices that deliver doses of nicotine and other additives to the user in an aerosol known as "vape". This includes e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-hookahs, e-cigarillos and all similar devices.

Why was the County Smoking Ordinance amended?

The recently amended County Smoking Ordinance prohibits the use of Electronic Smoking Devices where smoking is already prohibited. The amended smoking ordinance went into effect on January 16, 2015.

Research has demonstrated that there are significant health concerns regarding the use of e-cigarettes and similar devices.

The cloud of particles released from Electronic Smoking Devices have been shown to contain dangerous substances, including nicotine, a poison and addictive substance, and chemicals known to cause cancer such as formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, lead, nickel, and chromium.

Studies also illustrate that very small particulate matter reaches deep into the lungs of users and bystanders from the use of e-cigarettes.

Amending the County Smoking Ordinance helps protect employees and the general public from being exposed to harmful secondhand vape.

Where does the amended smoking ordinance apply?

The amended smoking ordinance includes:

- enclosed public places
- stadiums
- enclosed places of employment
- County buildings and vehicles
- and prohibits the sale of electronic smoking devices in vending machines.

The amended smoking ordinance applies to all areas within Shasta County, including unincorporated, and all City jurisdictions.

Where does the amended smoking ordinance not apply?

Private homes (except when used as a child care, health care, or other care facility which is required by state law or regulation to be licensed as such) and hotel and motel rooms rented to guests (unless designated as smokefree).

What are the posting requirements?

There are no new posting requirements for the amended smoking ordinance. Businesses do not need to make any changes to their existing "no smoking" signs.

A business or jurisdiction may post additional signage that states or depicts that the use of Electronic Smoking Devices is prohibited.

How will the ordinance be enforced?

The amended smoking ordinance is enforced by Shasta County Public Health. Any person may register a complaint or report a violation by calling the Tobacco Violation and Information Hotline at (530) 225-5052.

What is a violation?

It is a violation for any person to use Electronic Smoking Devices in any area where smoking is prohibited under this law. It is also a violation for any workplace employer, owner, manager, or person in charge to:

- fail to post "no smoking" signs.
- retaliate in any manner against employees for exercising their rights under Chapter 8.45.
- fail to comply with any other provisions of this law.

The Shasta County Department of Resource Management will verify that posting requirements are met during routine inspections.

What are the penalties?

Any person who violates Chapter 8.45 may be issued a citation (similar to a parking ticket). Each offense is punishable by a fine not exceeding \$100.

