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NEW SMOKING LAW NOW IN EFFECT

The Camarillo City Council recently approved an expanded smoking ordinance, which is now in effect. This new law limits the exposure of non-smokers to secondhand smoke in most outdoor areas and places of employment.

The regulations affect both public and private property (wherever the public is permitted or invited), with limited exceptions. Streets, sidewalks and parking lots are exempt from the law, unless they are:

- Used for a public event;
- Within 25 feet of a smoking-prohibited area;
- Have been designated "No Smoking" (sidewalks) by City Council Resolution.

Private residences are also exempt, unless used as a licensed family day care, or residential care facility. All common areas of multiple-unit residences, such as apartments, condos, etc., are included in the prohibition.

The ordinance will be enforced by the City on a complaint basis. However, business and property owners are responsible for ensuring that their employees, customers, tenants, and clients comply with the smoking law. They must post required signs, and violators must be advised of the smoking prohibition in areas under their control. Window decals and wall signs for business owners are available at City Hall and at the Chamber of Commerce office on Ventura Blvd. (at Glenn Drive) in Old Town.

The City has also established a smoking hotline for citizen complaints: (805) 383-5699. During business hours, calls can be directed to an available code compliance staff person; after hours, and on holidays and weekends callers may leave a message for follow-up on the next business day. In very rare instances, the Camarillo Police Department may respond to the scene.

The City has created a brochure outlining the major provisions of the new ordinance, which will be received in the mail by all Camarillo-area residents and businesses within the next few weeks. Information in greater detail is posted on the web at www.ci.camarillo.ca.us.

For more information, please call (805) 388-5307.

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