

County of San Diego Tobacco Ordinance No. 10647

Smoke-Free Outdoor Dining Frequently Asked Questions

Background

On January 28, 2020, County of San Diego Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance establishing smoke-free outdoor dining at restaurants in the unincorporated area of the county. On April 21, 2020, County staff will return to the Board with recommendations for hookah.

Questions

1. What is the new restriction outlined in the Ordinance?

Smoking is prohibited in all outdoor dining areas, and within 25 feet from the perimeter of such areas. Additionally, smoking is prohibited within 40 feet from a mobile food or temporary food facility, such as a food truck or food cart.

2. Is hookah exempted?

Hookah bars, hookah lounges, hookah parlors, and hookah cafes are exempt from this smoke-free outdoor dining ban. However, the Board directed County staff to return to the Board on April 21, 2020 with a further review of hookah.

3. When will the Ordinance take effect?

The Ordinance will be operative on July 1, 2020. The County will work with local businesses to educate them about the Ordinance restrictions and requirements to help them prepare for implementation.

4. What will the Board consider in April?

On April 21, 2020, County of San Diego Board of Supervisors will consider further review of hookah.

5. Where can I get additional information about the Ordinance?

Additional information about the Ordinance can be found by visiting:
www.amlegal.com/pdffiles/SanDiegoCo/ord10647.pdf