

County of San Diego Tobacco Ordinance No. 10647

Smoke-Free Outdoor Dining Fact Sheet

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 September 29, 2020, County staff will return to the Board with recommendations for hookah establishments. This fact sheet provides a brief overview of the Ordinance.

Smoking is prohibited in:

- All outdoor dining areas, and within 25 feet from the perimeter of such areas, and
- Within 40 feet from a permitted food facility that is a mobile or temporary food facility, including a food truck or a food cart.

Exemptions:

Hookah bars, hookah lounges, hookah parlors, and hookah cafes are exempt from this smoke-free outdoor dining ban.

How to comply with the Ordinance:

- Be knowledgeable about the sections of Ordinance No. 10647 that are related to smoke-free outdoor dining.
- Develop and follow policies for smoke-free outdoor dining.
- Train your employees.
- Post mandatory signage.

Fines associated with the Ordinance:

- First violation: Warning and educational session with the County
- Second violation within a 12-month period: \$100
- Third violation within a 12-month period: \$200
- Each additional violation within a 12-month period: \$500

Additional information, including a copy of the Ordinance, educational resources, a sample policy, information on training, and free downloadable signage, is available at: www.sandiegocounty.gov/hhsa/tobacco. If you have questions, please contact the County of San Diego Tobacco Control Resource Program by e-mail at tobacco@sdcounty.ca.gov or call (619) 542-4178.