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UPDATE: Study Session to Start at 1:30 p.m.!

Council to Discuss Proposed Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance

If passed, ordinance would prohibit smoking inside and outside residential units

Beverly Hills, CA – The Beverly Hills City Council is scheduled, on Sept. 19, 2017 to discuss a proposed ordinance to prohibit smoking in multi-unit residences, which has been recommended by the Health and Safety Commission. **The meeting will take place Tue., Sept. 19 at the City Council Study Session, 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.** (*The meeting start time was changed from 2:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.*)

In August of 2016, the City Council tasked the Health and Safety Commission to develop a policy that would restrict smoking in multi-family residences. The proposed regulations and ordinance have been developed over the past year at Health and Safety Commission meetings where public comment was heard. Additionally, the Commission solicited public input at two special public meetings in November and December 2016.

The Commission has recommended City Council adopt an ordinance that would prohibit smoking effective January 1, 2018 in all common indoor and outdoor areas such as hallways, pathways, lobbies, community rooms and laundry facilities. The regulations would apply to all multi-unit residences such as apartments and condominiums.

In addition, City Council will consider a proposed two-year implementation timeline where smoking would be prohibited within dwellings of both renter-occupied and owner-occupied units, including any associated exclusive-use area such as balconies, porches, decks and patios.

- Starting January 1, 2018 smoking would be prohibited within all units, including associated exclusive use areas, with a new or renewed lease.
- Starting January 1, 2019, smoking would additionally be prohibited within apartment units, including associated exclusive use areas, regardless of the start or renewal date of a lease.



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- Starting January 1, 2020, smoking would additionally be prohibited within all condominium units and associated exclusive use areas, inclusive of all owner-occupied units and regardless of the start date of a renter's lease.

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In order to promote healthy living, over the past several years the City has enacted several no-smoking policies. In 2014, the City updated the Municipal Code to include “vaping” in its definition of “smoking.” More recently, in May of 2017, the City prohibited smoking in the public right of way, unless actively travelling, and expanded the open air dining buffer zone from 5 feet to 20 feet.

Due to a provision in the Control Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (Proposition 64), California Health and Safety Code prohibits the smoking of cannabis or cannabis products in a location where smoking tobacco is prohibited. These proposed regulations would additionally apply to marijuana smoke.

According to a 2010 report from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, approximately 8% of the Beverly Hills adult population smokes, which is lower than the Los Angeles County average smoking rate of 14%.

The public, including residents and building owners, is welcome to attend and submit public comment.

For more information on the development of the proposed ordinance and other City smoking regulations, please call (310) 285-1014 or visit beverlyhills.org/smoking.

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