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## **New Smoking Regulations Taking Effect in Beverly Hills**

Beverly Hills, CA – The City of Beverly Hills continues to promote health and wellness as additional smoking regulations will soon take effect. Retailers in the City have until December 21, 2018, to remove flavored tobacco products from store shelves. In addition, as of January 1, 2019, smoking will be prohibited in all multi-unit dwellings in Beverly Hills. The goal of the new regulations is to protect the public from nonconsensual exposure to secondhand smoke in and around their homes, and to protect youth from commencing the inherently dangerous activity of smoking.

### **Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing**

Since January 1, 2018, smoking has been prohibited in all rental units governed by a new lease or renewed/extended lease. This includes areas such as balconies, patios and decks. Smoking has also been prohibited in all indoor and outdoor common areas of multi-unit properties such as hallways, pathways, lobbies, community rooms and laundry rooms. Effective January 1, 2019, smoking will be prohibited in all multi-unit dwellings in Beverly Hills regardless of the start date of the lease. Smoking will be prohibited whether the unit is owner-occupied or leased to a renter.

### **Flavored Tobacco Sales Restrictions**

The flavored tobacco ban applies to all tobacco retailers in the City and includes tobacco products such as cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, smokeless tobacco, and electronic cigarettes. A flavored tobacco product is any tobacco product that imparts a characterizing flavor other than the taste or aroma of tobacco, including, but not limited to, menthol, mint, wintergreen, fruit, chocolate, vanilla, honey, candy, cocoa, dessert, alcoholic beverage, herb, or spice. Menthol cigarettes are included in the ban on flavored products. Products authorized by the United States Food and Drug Administration as a tobacco cessation product, such as nicotine gum, are not included in the ban.

For more information regarding the City's smoking regulations, please visit [www.beverlyhills.org/smoking](http://www.beverlyhills.org/smoking), or call 310-285-1014. For information on the City's free-of-charge smoking cessation program, call 310-385-3534, option 3. Participation requirements apply.

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