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**Expanded Smoking Ordinance Goes Into Effect** New Outdoor Smoking Regulations to Be Enforced Starting May 5

Beverly Hills, CA – The City of Beverly Hill's takes another step toward becoming the healthiest city in America, when new, expanded smoking regulations go into effect. Starting May 5, smoking will be prohibited within 20 feet of open-air dining areas except while actively passing by (previously the distance was five feet); and in the public right-of-way, which includes public sidewalks, alleyways and streets except while passing by.

"Now everyone can enjoy Beverly Hills' beautiful outdoor spaces without breathing second-hand smoke," said Mayor Lili Bosse, who supported the changes as part of her #bhhealthycity campaign.

The new ordinance strengthens the City's existing smoking regulations that, in addition to state laws, prohibit smoking in parks, outdoor events, at the Farmers' Market, in outdoor service lines such as a theater box office and public and private plazas. The ordinance is aimed at all types of smoking, including tobacco, e-cigarettes and marijuana.



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The Health and Safety Commission, at the request of the Beverly Hills City Council, is exploring the feasibility of regulating smoking in multiunit housing. More information on Beverly Hills' smoking regulations can be found at <a href="http://www.beverlyhills.org/smokingregulations">www.beverlyhills.org/smokingregulations</a>

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