



Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL DATE: MARCH 2, 2015
FROM: CITY ATTORNEY
SUBJECT: AMENDMENT OF TOBACCO USE PREVENTION ORDINANCE

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 8.78, SECTION 8.78.071 OF THE TOBACCO USE PREVENTION ORDINANCE, IN THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE, TO PROHIBIT SMOKING ON THE GROUNDS OF ALL PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

PURPOSES OF THE ORDINANCE:

The purpose of this Ordinance is to modify the City's Tobacco Use Prevention Ordinance to prohibit smoking on the grounds of all Pasadena Public Libraries, in order to further reduce the public's exposure to secondhand smoke.

REASONS WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED:

The City Council directed preparation of this Amendment at its meeting of December 15, 2014. The reason why legislation is needed is that City staff received numerous complaints about being exposed to second hand smoke while entering Lamanda Park Branch Library. While the Tobacco Use Prevention Ordinance requires smokers to remain at least 20 feet away from entrances/exits to buildings, this distance is not sufficient to encompass all public library grounds. The review based on the Lamanda Park Branch Library complaint disclosed a broader problem with smoking on the grounds of other public libraries. Therefore, smoking should be prohibited on all of the grounds of all Pasadena Public Libraries in order to adequately safeguard library users from second hand smoke.

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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:

On December 15, 2014, the City Council found that the Ordinance, as proposed, is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3) (no potential for significant effect on the environment).

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED:

The Pasadena Public Health Department, Pasadena Public Library, patrons, visitors, staff and the general public will be impacted by this Ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be a minor cost associated with providing signage and with enforcing the Ordinance.

POLICY CHANGES:

This amendment is consistent with the City policy which has been to incrementally decrease the public's exposure to secondhand smoke in public places. This Ordinance adds additional locations where residents and visitors will be protected from inhaling second hand smoke, a Class A carcinogen.

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