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# Smoking Ordinance Update

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City Council

March 19, 2019





# Background

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## Secondhand Smoke



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# Smoking in Farmers Branch

Ordinance Modification

November



## Study Session

Staff presented on current smoking regulations in Farmers Branch and surrounding cities

Early January



## Ordinance Update

City Council voted to amend city ordinances to prohibit smoking in city facilities; added e-cigarettes to definition of "smoking"

Late January



## Informational Campaign

All Farmers Branch businesses notified of potential ordinance changes via mail and city publications

February



## Feedback Received

One business in favor of ordinance change; one resident opposed

March



## Second Ordinance Update

Banning smoking in all public places

# Secondhand Smoke: Why is it dangerous?

- There is NO risk-free level of secondhand smoke exposure; even **brief** exposure can be harmful to health.

# Secondhand Smoke: Environmental Impact

- **Half** of all cigarettes end up as litter.



# Current Regulations

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## City of Farmers Branch Ordinance



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# Current Farmers Branch Regulations



## City Facilities (Indoor)

- Smoking is **prohibited** in any public conference room, meeting room, or service area of any facility owned, operated, or managed by the city



## Retail Establishments

- Smoking is **prohibited**, with minor exceptions:
- Facility has less than 500 ft<sup>2</sup> of public showroom*
- There may be designated smoking areas*
- Cigar bars*



## Other Enclosed Facilities

- Smoking is **prohibited** in theaters, libraries, and museums
- Office buildings not open to the general public are **not required** to prohibit smoking



## City Parks

- Smoking is **prohibited** in all city parks, except in designated smoking areas or in a private vehicle with all its windows closed.

"Smoking" refers to burning tobacco products and e-cigarette use

# Current Regulations: Restaurants

- May have smoking areas
- Must have a written smoking policy
- Must have nonsmoking areas that meet the following requirements, if feasible:
  - Separated by four feet of contiguous floor space
  - Be ventilated and situated so air from the smoking area is not drawn into or across the nonsmoking area
  - Be clearly designated
  - Have ash trays at the perimeter
- Exceptions to nonsmoking area requirements:
  - Establishments with indoor seating for less than 50 patrons
  - Bars
  - A physically separated bar area of a food service establishment





# Proposed Update



## City Facilities

- Smoking\* is **prohibited** in all city facilities



## Retail Establishments

- Smoking is **prohibited** in all retail establishments, with minor exceptions:
  - Cigar bars*
  - Tobacco Shops*
- Smoking is prohibited in all restaurants and bars, including patios



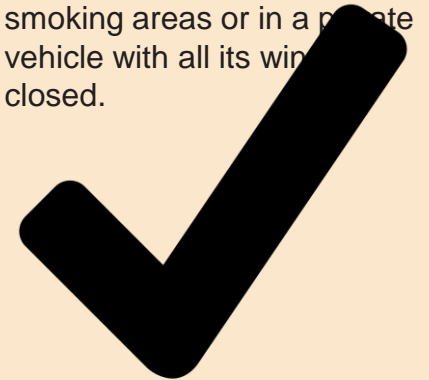
## Other Enclosed Facilities

- Smoking is **prohibited** all public buildings, including private offices
- Smoking is **prohibited** within 20 feet of an entrance, exit, or ventilation intake
- Smoking is only permitted in a private residence unless the residence is also used as a place of business, such as a home childcare facility



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# Questions?