



# City of Placentia Press Release

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## **CITY COUNCIL EXPANDS SMOKING BAN**

**PLACENTIA, CA** – On December 19, 2017, the Placentia City Council adopted Ordinance Number O-2017-12, expanding the smoking ban to all City facilities. The Placentia Municipal Code (PMC) currently regulates and prohibits smoking inside any building or structure owned or leased by the City for governmental purposes. The adopted ordinance broadens the prohibition of smoking in City facilities to prohibit smoking at all City facilities, including parks, civic center(s), and public facilities. This prohibition includes parking lots, open areas, plazas, and enclosed fenced areas of all the aforementioned facilities. It also includes areas within fifty (50) feet of any park perimeter, provided that if any such perimeter encroaches on private property. The prohibition does not apply to persons and private (non-city) vehicles in route along the public streets and sidewalks, or to private properties not included in the definitions section of the ordinance.

This ordinance prohibits cigarette smoking, as well as marijuana smoking, electronic cigarettes (“e-cigarettes”) and other electronic smoking paraphernalia, such as vaporizers. In essence, this ordinance establishes that any place where tobacco smoking is prohibited, so too is the use of marijuana and/or e-cigarettes and vaping devices. The ordinance went into effect on **January 18, 2018**.

“We have made great strides in making the City healthier for everyone who lives and works here. We have installed new exercise and play equipment at various park locations, initiated new community walks around town, and now, adopted an expansive no smoking ordinance,” said Council Member Craig Green. Council Member Green, former Mayor, initiated the expansion of this smoking ordinance.

City Administrator Damien R. Arrula called the expansion of the smoking ordinance “a necessary step in protecting our public health and I’m excited to see the City Council and our team work toward fulfilling that goal.” “There are no safe levels of exposure to secondhand smoke, and this imperative ordinance will protect our lungs and help keep the air safe to breathe.”

Secondhand smoke has been classified as a known human carcinogen by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. National Toxicology Program, the U.S. Surgeon General, and the International Agency for Research on Cancer. California first banned smoking in enclosed spaces at places of employment, including day care facilities, in 1995. Subsequently, California’s smoking ban has grown to include building entryways, playgrounds, restaurants, bars, and public transit. In 2008, it became an infraction to smoke in a car when a minor is present due to the harmful effects of secondhand smoke.

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