

# Smoke-free *outdoor dining*

## What does the smoke-free outdoor dining ordinance say?

In an effort to protect members of the public from health hazards caused by second-hand smoke, the ordinance calls for:

- a smoke-free environment in all outdoor dining areas where food and drink are served to the general public, including restaurants, bars and cafes.
- smoking to be prohibited within 20 feet of dining establishments in any direction.
- “no smoking” or “smoke-free” signs to be posted at each point of entry to outdoor dining areas with letters that are no less than one-inch tall and the international “no smoking” symbol of a burning cigarette inside of a red circle with a red bar across it included.
- ashtrays to be removed from outdoor dining areas.
- monetary fines for establishments that do not follow the ordinance.



## How does my business comply with the smoke-free outdoor dining ordinance?

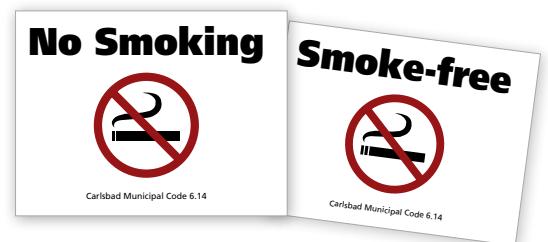
### Compliance is EASY!

- Permanently affix “smoke-free” or “no smoking” signs to your building in prominent locations, including each point of entry to outdoor dining areas.

*Sample signage enclosed. Visit [www.carlsbadca.gov](http://www.carlsbadca.gov) and search for “code compliance” if you’d like to download electronic versions for your use. Or, you can create your own. Signs should have letters that are no less than one-inch tall and should include the international “no smoking” symbol of a burning cigarette inside of a red circle with a red bar across it.*

- Remove ashtrays from outdoor dining areas.
- Train your employees about the new law, including what to say to smoking customers. Examples might include:

*“I’m sorry, you’ll have to put your cigarette out or smoke it outside, at least 20 feet away from the restaurant. Carlsbad law does not allow smoking in inside or outside areas of restaurants. Thank you for your cooperation.”*



*Downloadable signage samples*

# Frequently asked *questions*

## **Q: Why did the City of Carlsbad pass a smoke-free outdoor dining ordinance?**

A: This new smoke-free outdoor dining law protects patrons and restaurant and bar employees from the dangerous health effects of breathing in second-hand smoke, and provides a more enjoyable experience.



## **Q: Will this ordinance affect my business?**

A: Studies of sales tax data from cities with smoke-free bars show that business has not been hurt and often improves when bars go smoke-free.

## **Q: What if my business does not have an additional 20 feet?**

A: If there is not space for guests to smoke 20 feet away from your establishment in any direction, it is advised that you recommend patrons return to their vehicles or their homes to smoke.

## **Q: Are there exceptions?**

A: All establishments in the City of Carlsbad where food and drink are served to the general public, including restaurants, bars and cafes, must adhere to this ordinance. Non-compliance will result in monetary fines.

## **Q: How is it enforced?**

A: Business owners are responsible for ensuring this law is enforced within their establishments by following the tips for compliance on the other side of this sheet.

## **Q: What are the penalties for non-compliance?**

A: Non-compliance will result in monetary fines.

## **Q: Where can I get the appropriate signage?**

A: Sample signage (enclosed) has been made available for your business to use, or you can access and print additional signage by visiting the city's website at [www.carlsbadca.gov](http://www.carlsbadca.gov) and searching for "code compliance." You can also create your own "smoke-free" or "no smoking" sign. Signs must have letters that are no less than one-inch tall and include the international "no smoking" symbol of a burning cigarette inside of a red circle with a red bar across the middle.