

Smoke-Free Policy & Procedures

Whereas the California Air Resources Board declared secondhand smoke a toxic air contaminant that causes death and serious illness, and places it in the same category as the most toxic industrial air pollutants such as asbestos, sulfuric acid and arsenic;

Whereas exposure of adults to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer;

Whereas the scientific evidence indicates that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke;

Whereas 73% of Californians agreed that smoking should be prohibited in outdoor dining areas at restaurants;

Whereas 61% of African Americans in Sacramento and San Joaquin Counties surveyed said they would be more likely to go to a restaurant or bar that did not allow smoking in outdoor dining areas. And 82% believe secondhand smoke in outdoor areas is very or extremely dangerous;

Therefore, it is the policy of _____ (establishment name) to prohibit smoking in all outdoor dining areas.

Definitions

‘Smoking’ refers to the carrying or smoking of any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, hookah, blunt or any other lighted smoking product or equipment.

‘Secondhand Smoke’ (SHS) is a mixture of smoke given off by the burning end of a cigarette, pipe or cigar and smoke exhaled from the lungs of smokers.

‘Outdoor dining areas’ includes tables and chairs set-up for dining in patios in front of, next to, and behind this establishment.

Disposing of Smoking Refuse

Smoking-related refuse, such as cigarette butts, burnt tobacco, etc. are to be disposed of in ash urns or other containers specifically designated for such disposal. Smoking refuse is not to be disposed of in trashcans.

Compliance

Visitors, customers, and employees will be asked to refrain from smoking and will be respectfully informed of the restaurant/bar’s fresh outdoor air policy.

Any employee or staff member who violates the smoking policy may be subject to disciplinary action by managers or administrators.

Please note: Intentional violation of state or local law regarding smoking may result in a civil fine from local authorities.

Manager/Owner

SOL Project Representative

Date

