CITY OF
EL SEGUNDO

Smoking Ban Recommendation

Environmental Committee
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Environmental Impacts of Smoking

- Globally, more than 5.6 trillion cigarettes are discarded as litter each year.
- Cigarette butts, which are made almost entirely of plastic and are not biodegradable, are the most-littered item in the U.S. and California by far.
- California beach cleanups find nearly 7x more cigarette butts than plastic straws.
- Cigarette butts leak nicotine, cancer-causing and highly toxic chemicals, and pesticides into the environment, contaminating both soil and water systems.
- Nicotine has been found in mountain streams and drinking water.,,
- When littered, vapes can discharge heavy metals (toxic chemicals like lead and mercury) and battery acid into the local environment, affecting both humans and animals.
- Cigarette butt ingestion by pets and wildlife can cause tremors, weakness, vomiting, convulsions, respiratory failure and even death. An estimated 90% of seabirds have ingested plastics like cigarette butts.,

Smoking is a leading case of death

- Cigarette smoking causes more than 480,000 deaths each year in the United States. This is nearly one in five deaths.
- More than 10 times as many U.S. citizens have died prematurely from cigarette smoking than have died in all the wars fought by the United States.
- Smoking causes about 90% (or 9 out of 10) of all lung cancer deaths. More women die from lung cancer each year than from breast cancer.
- Smoking causes about 80% (or 8 out of 10) of all deaths from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

Secondhand Smoke

- Secondhand smoke causes nearly 34,000 premature deaths from heart disease each year in the United States among nonsmokers.
- Nonsmokers who are exposed to secondhand smoke at home or at work increase their risk of developing heart disease by 25–30%.
- Secondhand smoke increases the risk for stroke by 20−30%.
- Secondhand smoke exposure causes more than 8,000 deaths from stroke annually.

Smoking Bans

- 24 cities in California
- Manhattan Beach used as model
  - Public Areas, Multi Unit Complexes, Sales Ban

Current Applicable Smoking Bans

EL SEGUNDO CITY CODE, TITLE 5, CHAPTER 6 - SMOKING REGULATED OR PROHIBITED

5-6-3: SMOKING PROHIBITED:
It shall be unlawful to smoke in the following places:

A. Any City-owned or City-operated vehicle;

B. Any public place, or in any similar enclosed area in City- owned or private buildings generally used by and open to the public, including, but not limited to, elevators and public restrooms. (Ord. 1140, 5-16-1989)

Smoking Ban Options

Environmental Committee considered

- All public areas (sidewalks, parks, streets, parking lots, etc.)
- Common areas of multi-unit (3 or more) residential complexes.
  - Does not include hotels, motels.
  - Does not include SFR and duplexes
- Tobacco Sales Ban
  - Not currently proposed because a sales ban may have adverse impact on small businesses.

Enforcement

- “Public enforcement”
  - Complaint driven
  - Significant of signage
- Fines
  - For blatant, repeat offenders
  - Can range from $100-$250 (Calabasas, CA is highest)

Actions to Implementation

- FAQ
- Develop Code Language
- Determine Fine Amount
- Outreach
- Signage
- Timing

Recommendation

Direct staff to begin a draft City of El Segundo Municipal Code ordinances to ban smoking in:

- All public areas
- Common areas of multi-unit (4 or more) residential complexes.

Questions?

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