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Law and Legislation Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Prohibition on Smoking at Entrances to City Buildings

LOCATION/COUNCIL DISTRICT: All

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that the Law & Legislation Committee direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amendment for City Council consideration that prohibits smoking within 20 feet of the entrances to all City owned and operated buildings.

CONTACT PERSON: Michael L. Medema, Special Projects Manager

FOR LAW & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF: April 16, 2002

SUMMARY:

This report recommends that the Law & Legislation Committee direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amendment for City Council consideration that prohibits smoking within 20 feet of the entrances to all City owned and operated buildings.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:

The Mayor requested that staff develop a policy for City Council consideration that prohibits smoking within 20 feet from the entrances to City owned and/or operated buildings.

On April 24, 2001 the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento adopted a formal policy prohibiting smoking outside of County buildings. County Buildings were defined to include all County owned or County leased and occupied buildings. In addition, the Board directed staff to work on appropriate signage and compliance, to include the policy as provisions in all future County leases, and to report back in one year on compliance with policy. The Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services staff informally informed City staff that the signage has been effective in reducing the instances of smoking near the entrances to County Buildings. The County policy does not specify a penalty for non-compliance.

In January 2001 a survey of 1812 California adults conducted by Field Research Corporation for the California Department of Health Services found that

- 76% agreed that workplaces should designate at least a 15 foot smoke free area around all building entrances.
- 82% of non-smokers agreed that workplaces should designate at least a 15 foot smoke free area around all building entrances.
- 59% of smokers agreed that workplaces should designate at least a 15 foot smoke free area around all building entrances.

In February 2002 the Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services conducted an informal City employee survey to determine employee support for prohibiting smoking within 20 feet of all entrances to City buildings. Three hundred and twenty two employees voluntarily participated in the survey conducted over three days. Highlights of the survey include:

- 73% were in favor of a City policy to keep smoking away from the entrances to City buildings.
- 33% said that they were exposed to secondhand smoke at work every day.
- 71% said that they were bothered a lot (41.4%) or some (29.6%) by people smoking near the entrances to City buildings.

Sacramento City Code Section 8.80.140 prohibits smoking inside of all City buildings, but does not prohibit smoking outside of City buildings. Staff recommends that the Law & Legislation Committee direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amendment for City Council consideration that prohibits smoking within 20 feet of the entrances to all City owned or City leased buildings.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

The City will incur a minor expense for signage as appropriate.

POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Staff believes that the City will experience substantial compliance with the ordinance, as is the reported experience in the City of Davis and Sacramento County.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This report recommends no action that would constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

The Office of Small Business Development has over twenty active certified businesses that supply signage.

Respectfully submitted,



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TRANSMITTAL APPROVED:



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Attachment