



NEW SMOKEFREE MULTIUNIT HOUSING ORDINANCE

Effective July 1st, 2023

The policy affecting Del Norte County multi-unit housing residents to protect children and vulnerable populations from secondhand smoke exposure, prohibits smoking in all units, all common areas, and at least 25 feet away from any defined nonsmoking area.



Building managers are advised to inform all tenants of the new smoke-free policy and to update all lease, or other rental agreements. After July 1st, 2023 these agreements are required to include clauses as stated in 9.12.90 of the Del Norte County Code (Ord. 2023-002).

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT TENANTS?

Multiunit residences are properties containing two or more units such as apartment buildings, duplexes, senior & assisted living facilities etc. (9.12.70)

All lease or rental agreements will need to be updated to reflect this new law. Landlords should inform all tenants of this by July 2023.

Smoking of any type (cigarettes, vaping, marijuana, etc.) is no longer allowed inside units, common areas, balconies, porches, or patios.

Should tenants breach the smoking provisions per the Del Norte County Code, Landlords may take reasonable steps for violations as stated in the County Code (9.12.80).

Smoke-free rules lead to safer homes including, healthier air for tenants, improved fire safety, and less damage to units. This no-smoking rule is not a "no-smoker" rule. Although we support choices not to smoke, those who do smoke/vape will simply have to step outside. We know this may be an inconvenience, but we appreciate your help!

NEED SIGNS?

Contact the Tobacco Use Prevention Program for free 'No Smoking' signs! Call **707-464-3191 ext 2831** or email: crystal.yang@dnco.org

For more resources visit:
<https://www.co.del-norte.ca.us/TUPP>

OPTIONAL DESIGNATED SMOKING AREA:

Property owners may designate a portion of an unenclosed area as a designated smoking area that meets all of the following criteria:

1. Is at least 25 feet from any unenclosed areas used by children and used for physical activity.
2. Is at least 25 feet from any defined nonsmoking area as stated per Chapter 9 of the Del Norte County Code.
3. Must be no more than 10% of the total unenclosed area of the multi-unit residence for which it is designated.
4. Must have a clearly marked perimeter.
5. Must be identified by conspicuous signs.
6. Must not overlap with any enclosed or unenclosed area where smoking is prohibited by this chapter or other law.

(For full details of the Smoke-Free Multiunit housing ordinance see Title 9, Chapter 12 of the Del Norte County Code)

For free help to quit visit KickitCA.org