

Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency

SMOKE-FREE MULTI-UNITHOUSING

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State of Tobacco Control 2025 Report

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	Davis	West Sacramento	Winters	Woodland	Yolo County Unincorporated
Overall Tobacco Control Grade	B	C	C	C	C
Total Points	10	6	6	7	6
Smokefree Outdoor Air	A	D	D	C	F
Dining	4	0	0	0	0
Entryways	4	0	0	4	0
Public Events	4	0	0	4	0
Recreation Areas	4	3	4	3	0
Service Areas	4	2	0	0	0
Sidewalks	1	0	0	0	1
Worksites	0	0	0	0	0
Total Points	21	5	4	11	1
Smokefree Housing	D	F	F	F	F
Nonsmoking Apartments	0	0	0	0	0
Nonsmoking Condominiums	0	0	0	0	0
Nonsmoking Common Areas	2	0	0	0	0
Total Points	2	0	0	0	0
Reducing Sales of Tobacco Products	A	A	A	A	A
Tobacco Retailer Licensing	4	4	4	4	4
Total Points	4	4	4	4	4



American Lung Association. "State of Tobacco Control 2025: California." American Lung Association, 2025, <https://www.lung.org/ca/state-of-tobacco-control/2025>.



Why MUH Should be Smoke-free

- Protects the right of MUH residents to breathe smoke-free air
- Smoke-free policies protect health and save lives!
- Economic benefits for landlords/owners: lower turnover costs
- No effects on vacancy
- Lead the way for other jurisdictions

“There is no safe amount of secondhand smoke. Breathing even a little secondhand smoke can be dangerous.”

-2006 Surgeon General’s Report



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Multi-Unit housing (MUH)

Any building that contains multiple residences joined by shared walls

- Apartments
- Condominiums
- Duplex
- Triplex



Why is it the only option for many?

- Many are unable to buy a home
- Much easier to obtain
- Flexibility

Most likely to live in MUH

- People of color
- Elderly
- Lower income
- Young families



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MUH in California

California

- More than **100 municipalities** have adopted smoke-free housing ordinances
- **100%** of government-owned MUH is smoke-free
- **Benicia, Vallejo, and Rancho Cordova** are some of the cities that have a smoke-free MUH ordinance

Landlords and governments can create and enforce 100% smoke-free MUH policies.

Yolo Unincorporated

- 9 complexes
 - 6* Yolo County Housing Policy
 - 3 Voluntary or no policy
 - Clarksburg: 1
 - Esparto:3
 - Knights Landing:3
 - Yolo:1
 - Winters 1

* Already smoke- free (HUD)

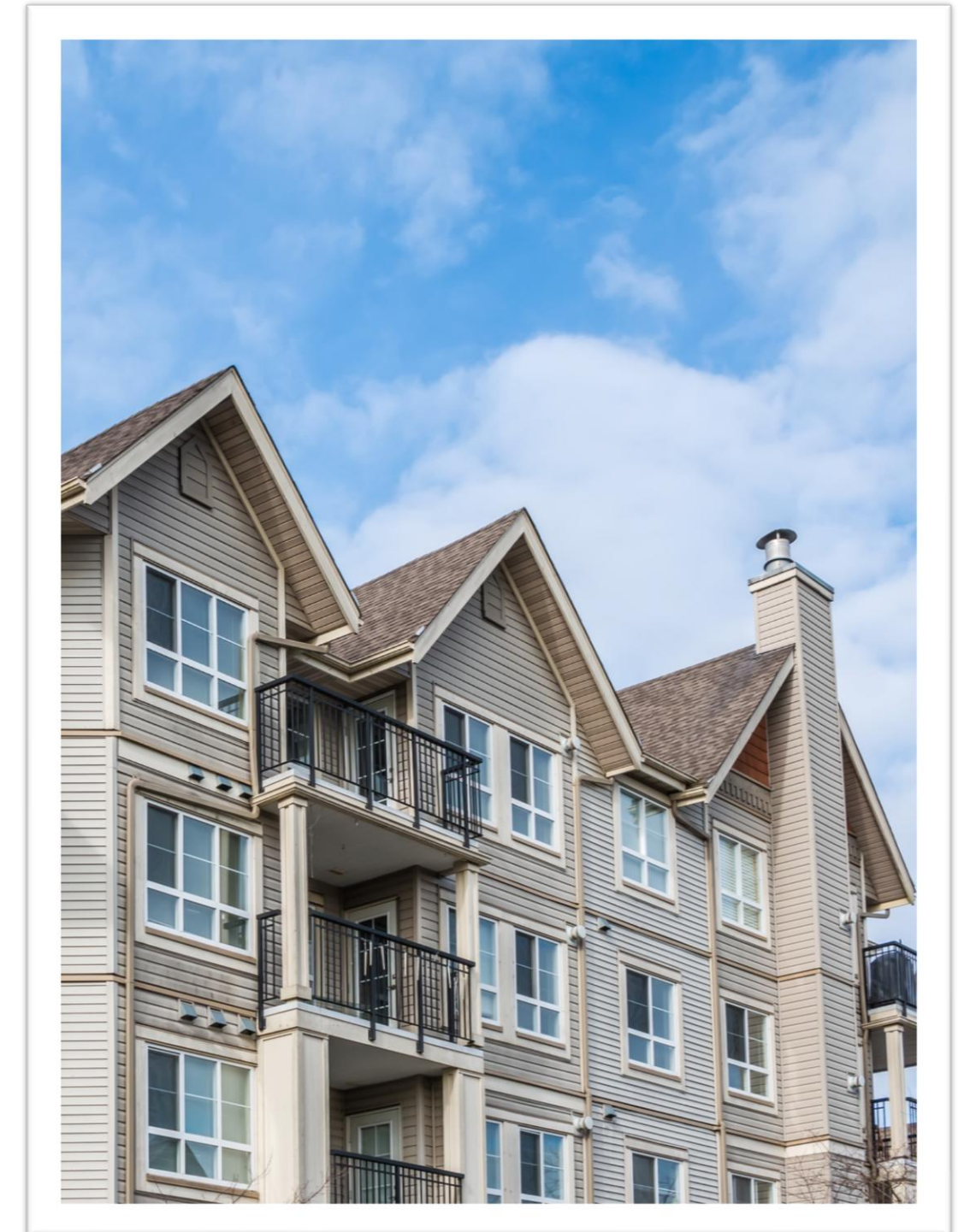


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Enforcement

- Complaint driven
- Smoking designated areas?
- Written Warnings
- Written in lease
- At least 3 written warnings



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Recommendation

- Protects Health: Everyone deserves clean air—especially in their homes.
- Saves Lives: Secondhand smoke is dangerous even in small amounts.
- Supports Equity: MUH residents often include vulnerable populations—elderly, low-income families, and people of color.
- Local Momentum: Over 100 California cities have adopted smoke-free MUH ordinances.
- Enforcement: Complaint-driven, with written lease policies and warnings.



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Our Ask- Guidance

- Recommend moving forward with a draft policy



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