

Survey of Orange County Cities

SMOKING LOUNGE REGULATIONS		
City	Permitted?	Summary
Santa Ana	No	Smoking lounges are not permitted. Smoke/vape shops are permitted subject to issuance of an annual tobacco license.
Newport Beach	No	Smoking lounges are not permitted. Smoke/vape shops are permitted, provided that smoking is not allowed inside the establishment.
Huntington Beach	Yes	Smoking lounges are considered retail. Regulated as a retail use.
Westminster	Yes	Private smokers lounge uses allowed with a business permit. Smoke/vape shops are permitted subject to issuance of an annual tobacco license and compliance with location and operational standards.
Fountain Valley	Yes	Requires Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). No special land use regulations for smoking lounges.
Anaheim	Yes	Smoking lounges require a smoking lounge permit issued by Planning staff. Lounge uses are subject to standards regulating business layout, operations, parking, hours, etc. Deviations from the standards may be requested through a CUP. Existing smoking lounges established prior to ordinance adoption in 2006 are exempt from standards.
Seal Beach	No	Smoking lounges prohibited in all zones. Smoke/vape shops are conditionally permitted in commercial zones subject to Planning Commission approval of a CUP.
Laguna Beach	Yes	Requires Planning Commission approval of a CUP. No special land use regulations for smoking lounges.
Orange	No	Smoking lounges are not permitted.
Buena Park	Yes	Smoking lounges are considered retail and are permitted by right in commercial zones. Business owners must complete form stating they will abide by State laws.
Irvine	No	Smoking lounges are not permitted as a principal use. Tobacco retail uses are permitted, provided that smoking is not allowed inside the establishment.
Mission Viejo	Yes	Not listed in the Land Use Matrix. However, Code allows uses not listed in the Land Use Matrix to be reviewed through a CUP.
Lake Forest	Yes	Smoking lounges are conditionally permitted in commercial zones with Planning Commission approval of a Use Permit.
Laguna Niguel	No	Smoking lounges are not permitted.
San Clemente	No	Smoking lounges are not permitted.