

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF SANTA ROSA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING pertaining to tobacco or smoke shops AND PUBLIC MEETING pertaining to smoking regulations affecting city parks and recreation lands

Two public meetings have been scheduled to present proposed changes to two separate aspects of Santa Rosa's smoking regulations. Both meetings are described in this notice, and public participation is invited.

PUBLIC MEETING: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 9-20 PROHIBITING SMOKING IN OR AROUND WORKPLACES, PUBLIC PLACES

On Wednesday, October 22, 2014, at or after 4:00 PM, in the Cypress Room at the Finley Community Center, 2060 West College Avenue, Santa Rosa, the Board of Community Services will hold a public meeting and will review the proposed changes to Chapter 9-20 of the City Code that would prohibit smoking on City-owned park and recreation lands. The proposed changes to Chapter 9-20 were initiated by the City Council. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the Board to review the proposed changes to Chapter 9-20 and to make a recommendation to the City Council.

PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT to change the definition of "tobacco or smoke shop" to explicitly include a retail store that devotes 30% or more of its display floor area to electronic smoking devices and related accessories

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted by the Planning Commission on Thursday, October 23, 2014, at or after 4:00 PM, in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa. The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comment and recommendations prior to the Planning Commission acting on the requested Zoning Code text amendment to change the definition of "tobacco or smoke shop" to explicitly include a retail store that devotes 30% or more of its display floor area to electronic smoking devices and related accessories. This means that new electronic cigarette stores will need to obtain a Minor Conditional Use Permit prior to opening.

Any interested person is invited to appear and be heard on the proposed Zoning Code text amendment. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed changes. The proposed Zoning Code text amendment was initiated by the City Council and is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 15061(3).

Additional Project Information

The proposal and additional information are on file in Community Development, Room 3, City Hall (100 Santa Rosa Avenue), and available for public inspection. The Department is open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. You may also review the entire proposal on the City's web site at the following location: www.srcity.org/communitydev

If you cannot attend these meetings, you are encouraged to submit written comments and recommendations. Comments and questions may be directed to Erin Morris, Senior Planner, Community Development, City of Santa Rosa, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Room 3, Santa Rosa, CA 95404, telephone 707-543-3273 or e-mail: emorris@srcity.org.

Action taken by the Planning Commission on this project will be posted to the City's website at www.srcity.org/communitydev or you may contact Sandi Bliss, Administrative Secretary by email at sbliss@srcity.org or by telephone at (707) 543-3226.