

Kudos to Pasadena....Trendsetters!

On July 11, the Pasadena City Council passed a comprehensive smoke-free policy in multi-unit housing ordinance. By August 11, 2011 smoking will not be permitted in common areas of apartments and condos (i.e., lobbies, courtyards, community rooms, playgrounds, gym facilities, swimming pools, parking garages, shared eating areas).

Effective immediately all new multi-unit housing will need to open as non-smoking buildings. By January 1, 2013 ALL units, balconies, and patios of apartments and condominiums will need to be non-smoking. Multi-unit housing is any residential property containing two or more dwelling units but does include hotels or motels.

The city has its own health department (Pasadena Health Department) and Health Officer and will be responsible for education and enforcement.

Pasadena joins 9 Counties in California in passing such comprehensive ordinances addressing the second-hand smoke issues multi-unit housing dwellings encounter. Congratulations to California!

