

Cities and Counties on the Rise

Each year, cities and counties across the state work diligently to safeguard their residents from the harmful effects of tobacco. Our “On the Rise” communities acted in 2019 to reduce sales of tobacco products and prevent the harmful effects of secondhand smoke. For some communities, these policies represent a hard-earned first step in tobacco control policy. For others, these policies round out comprehensive measures already in place. Each of these policies represent the tangible impact that tobacco control efforts are having on communities across the state.

These 61 “Cities and Counties On the Rise” adopted local ordinances in at least one of the four policy categories in 2019. In most cases, their actions improved their grade, but in some, the ordinance(s) only contributed to increasing the points in a particular grade category. These policies and actions taken to keep community members safe are noteworthy and deserve acknowledgement.

On the following pages are the 2020 “Cities and Counties on the Rise,” which are listed along with the grade categories in which they passed a policy. For further details about each municipality’s grades and points, including their Overall Tobacco Control grade, see the county report cards that begin on page 26.

Benicia passed the most comprehensive tobacco policies of 2019

In one major policy push, Benicia improved their Overall Grade from an “F” to an “A”. This effort included all four sections of graded in this report: Smokefree Outdoor Air, Smokefree Housing, and Reducing Sale of Tobacco Products, and Emerging Issues.

“After a fifteen-year effort the city council took the right step to protect public health. I am grateful for the council majority in putting people’s need to be free from second hand smoke and vapors first. It is a strong statement for clean air and healthy living. Bravo to our city and county staff for a first-rate job of education, research and putting the ordinances together. Well done.”

- ELIZABETH PATTERSON, Benicia Mayor



Northern California

City	County	Grade Category Improvement
Alturas	Modoc	Overall Tobacco Grade (C to B) Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i>
Anderson	Shasta	Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i>
Corning	Tehama	Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to D) Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Secondhand Smoke</i>
Modoc County	Modoc	Smokefree Outdoor Air (Point Increase)



North Coast

City	County	Grade Category Improvement
Clearlake	Lake	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (F to D) Smokefree Outdoor Air (D to A) Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Secondhand Smoke</i>
Corte Madera	Marin	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (C to A) Reducing Sale of Tobacco Products (F to A) Emerging Issues (4 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Licensing</i> - <i>Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies</i> - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i> - <i>Minimum Pack Size of Cigars</i>
Healdsburg	Sonoma	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (B to A) Smokefree Housing (D to A)
Larkspur	Marin	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (C to A) Reducing Sale of Tobacco Products (F to A) Emerging Issues (4 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Licensing</i> - <i>Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies</i> - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i> - <i>Minimum Pack Size of Cigars</i>
San Anselmo	Marin	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (B to A) Reducing Sale of Tobacco Products (F to A) Emerging Issues (4 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Licensing</i> - <i>Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies</i> - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i> - <i>Minimum Pack Size of Cigars</i>
San Rafael	Marin	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (Remains A) Emerging Issues (3 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Licensing</i> - <i>Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies</i> - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i>



Greater Sacramento

City	County	Grade Category Improvement
Auburn	Placer	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (F to C) Reducing Sale of Tobacco Products (F to A) Emerging Issues (3 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Licensing</i> - <i>Retailer Location Restrictions</i> - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i>
Loomis	Placer	Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to D) Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Secondhand Smoke</i>
Sacramento	Sacramento	Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i>
Waterford	Stanislaus	Smokefree Outdoor Air (Point Increase) Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Secondhand Smoke</i>
Woodland	Yolo	Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i>



Greater Bay Area

City	County	Grade Category Improvement
Albany	Alameda	Emerging Issues (2 point bonus): - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i> - <i>Minimum Pack Size of Cigars</i>
Benicia	Solano	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (F to A) Smokefree Outdoor Air (D to A) Smokefree Housing (F to A) Reducing Sale of Tobacco Products (F to A) Emerging Issues (5 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Licensing</i> - <i>Retailer Location Restrictions</i> - <i>Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies</i> - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i> - <i>Minimum Pack Size of Cigars</i>
Berkeley	Alameda	Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Minimum Pack Size of Cigars</i>
Burlingame	San Mateo	Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i>
Cupertino	Santa Clara	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (D to C) Reducing Sale of Tobacco Products (F to A) Emerging Issues (4 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Licensing</i> - <i>Retailer Location Restrictions</i> - <i>Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies</i> - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i>



Greater Bay Area continued

City	County	Grade Category Improvement
Fremont	Alameda	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (B to A) Reducing Sale of Tobacco Products (F to A) Emerging Issues (2 point bonus): - Flavored Tobacco Products - Minimum Pack Size of Cigars
Lafayette	Contra Costa	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (C to A) Reducing Sale of Tobacco Products (F to A) Emerging Issues (4 point bonus): - Emerging Products Definition - Licensing - Retailer Location Restrictions - Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies - Flavored Tobacco Products
Livermore	Alameda	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (D to B) Reducing Sale of Tobacco Products (F to A) Emerging Issues (3 point bonus): - Emerging Products Definition - Licensing - Retailer Location Restrictions - Flavored Tobacco Products
Menlo Park	San Mateo	Emerging Issues (4 bonus points): - Emerging Products Definition - Secondhand Smoke - Emerging Products Definition - Licensing - Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies - Flavored Tobacco Products
Millbrae	San Mateo	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (D to C) Smokefree Housing (F to A) Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - Emerging Products Definition - Secondhand Smoke
Pacifica	San Mateo	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (C to B) Smokefree Housing (F to A) Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - Emerging Products Definition - Secondhand Smoke
San Carlos	San Mateo	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (C to B) Smokefree Housing (D to A) Emerging Issues (3 point bonus): - Emerging Products Definition - Secondhand Smoke - Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies - Flavored Tobacco Products
Santa Clara	Santa Clara	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (F to B) Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to A) Smokefree Housing (D to A)
South San Francisco	San Mateo	Emerging Issues (2 point bonus): - Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies - Flavored Tobacco Products



Central Valley

City	County	Grade Category Improvement
Delano	Kern	Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i>
Firebaugh	Fresno	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (C to B) Smokefree Housing (F to A)
Hanford	Kings	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (F to C) Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to A) Smokefree Housing (F to C) Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Secondhand Smoke</i>
Madera	Madera	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (F to D) Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to C) Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Secondhand Smoke</i>
Mariposa County	Mariposa	Smokefree Outdoor Air (C to B)
Orange Grove	Fresno	Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Secondhand Smoke</i>
Parlier	Fresno	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (D to C) Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to C) Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Secondhand Smoke</i>



Monterey-Santa Cruz

City	County	Grade Category Improvement
Capitola	Santa Cruz	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (C to B) Reducing Sale of Tobacco Products (F to A) Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i>
Gonzales	Monterey	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (F to C) Reducing Sale of Tobacco Products (F to A) Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Licensing</i>
Monterey County	Monterey	Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to D) Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Secondhand Smoke</i>
Pacific Grove	Monterey	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (F to C) Smokefree Outdoor Air (D to B) Smokefree Housing (F to A) Emerging Issues (2 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Secondhand Smoke</i> - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i>
San Juan Bautista	San Benito	Smokefree Outdoor Air (Point Increase)
Santa Cruz County	Santa Cruz	Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i>
Watsonville	Santa Cruz	Emerging Issues (2 point bonus): - <i>Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies</i> - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i>



Central Coast

City	County	Grade Category Improvement
Arroyo Grande	San Luis Obispo	Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition</i> - <i>Secondhand Smoke</i>
Atascadero	San Luis Obispo	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (F to C) Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to A) Smokefree Housing (F to C) Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition</i> - <i>Secondhand Smoke</i>
Oxnard	Ventura	Emerging Issues (2 point bonus): - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i> - <i>Minimum Pack Size of Cigars</i>
Pismo Beach	San Luis Obispo	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (F to D) Smokefree Outdoor Air (F to A) Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition</i> - <i>Secondhand Smoke</i>
Santa Barbara County	Santa Barbara	Emerging Issues (2 point bonus): - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i> - <i>Minimum Pack Size of Cigars</i>
Santa Maria	Santa Barbara	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (D to C) Reducing Sale of Tobacco Products (F to A) Emerging Issues (4 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition</i> - <i>Licensing</i> - <i>Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies</i> - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i> - <i>Minimum Pack Size of Cigars</i>



Los Angeles County

City	County	Grade Category Improvement
Bell Gardens	Los Angeles	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (F to C) Smokefree Housing (F to A)
Beverly Hills	Los Angeles	Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies</i>
Burbank	Los Angeles	Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i>
Culver City	Los Angeles	Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i>
Hermosa Beach	Los Angeles	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (D to B) Reducing Sale of Tobacco Products (F to A) Emerging Issues (5 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition</i> - <i>Licensing</i> - <i>Retailer Location Restrictions</i> - <i>Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies</i> - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i> - <i>Minimum Pack Size of Cigars</i>



Los Angeles County continued

City	County	Grade Category Improvement
Los Angeles County	Los Angeles	Smokefree Outdoor Air (D to C) Emerging Issues (5 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Secondhand Smoke</i> - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Licensing</i> - <i>Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies</i> - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i> - <i>Minimum Pack Size of Cigars</i>
Redondo Beach	Los Angeles	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (F to B) Smokefree Outdoor Air (D to A) Reducing Sale of Tobacco Products (F to A) Emerging Issues (3 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Secondhand Smoke</i> - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Licensing</i> - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i>



Orange County

City	County	Grade Category Improvement
Irvine	Orange	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (F to C) Smokefree Outdoor Air (D to A) Smokefree Housing (F to C) Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Secondhand Smoke</i>
Laguna Niguel	Orange	Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i>
San Clemente	Orange	Emerging Issues (1 point bonus): - <i>Retailer Location Restrictions</i>



Inland Empire

City	County	Grade Category Improvement
Adelanto	San Bernardino	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (F to C) Reducing Sale of Tobacco Products (F to A) Emerging Issues (2 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Licensing</i> - <i>Flavored Tobacco Products</i>
Colton	San Bernardino	Overall Tobacco Control Grade (F to C) Reducing Sale of Tobacco Products (F to A) Emerging Issues (2 point bonus): - <i>Emerging Products Definition - Licensing</i> - <i>Retailer Location Restrictions</i>