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**CITY OF REDDING  
REPORT TO SHASTA PUBLIC LIBRARIES  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** March 27, 2009  
L-050

**FROM:** Kimberly Niemer  
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**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Recommendation for  
a Smoke-Free Campus at the Redding  
Library

***Background***

Last March, the Library Advisory Committee (Committee) recommended to the City Council an amendment to the Redding Municipal Code which would prohibit smoking within 60 feet of the entry doors to the Redding Library. State law requires a 20-foot buffer. The City Council accepted and approved the Committee's recommendation. The action was specific to the Redding Library and did not impact the Burney or Anderson branches.

The desire to expand the smoking prohibition to the entire Library campus has been mentioned during several subsequent Committee meetings. The Library's recently adopted Strategic Plan also includes a re-evaluation of the smoking policy. Smoking in the entry area continues, although less than before the code modification. Staff continues to receive complaints from customers quite regularly about the amount of smoking and smoking-related litter around the Library.

In consultation with Shasta County Public Health Department, staff has been unable to locate another community library that has a smoke-free campus policy. Although, several university campuses have adopted such policies in recent years. The Public Health Director offered supporting services from the Tobacco Control Officer to assist with education and start-up compliance should a campus-wide smoke-free policy be implemented.

To assist the Committee in its deliberations, staff has outlined the pros and cons of a smoke-free Library campus:

Pros

- Smoking is an unhealthy habit for the smoker and second-hand smoke has been proven to be a cancer causing agent to others exposed to cigarette smoke.
- Smoking-related litter is currently a problem at the Library.
- Many children and elderly persons who may be more susceptible to respiratory illness visit the Library in great number.
- Smoke-free policies send an important public health message.

Cons

- Enforcement will continue to fall on Library staff and security. Only in very rare and more complex situations will the Police Department respond.
- The demographics of smokers tend to be less educated and poorer. This population needs the services available at the Library and may be discouraged from coming.
- Smoking and related litter will be relocated to surrounding City parks.

*Issues*

Does the Library Advisory Committee wish to recommend a smoke-free campus policy for the Redding Library to the Redding City Council?

*Attachment*

- Current Ordinance

**2.42.120 Library regulations.**

A. It is unlawful for any person to engage in any of the following activities within or upon the premises of the Redding Municipal Library:

1. Engage in annoying behavior such as loud talking, shouting, fighting, horseplay, or intentionally interfering with the legitimate use of the library by others or the duties of the library staff;
2. Use library facilities for the purpose of sleeping, bathing, shaving, or washing clothes or similar activities;
3. Operate radios, televisions, tape or disc players, or similar sound-producing devices which can be heard by others;
4. Eating, drinking, or using chewing tobacco in any public area of the library, except in areas expressly authorized by the library director;
5. Seeking or obtaining signatures on any petition, conducting surveys or investigations, distributing printed materials, or soliciting within any enclosed areas, or outside of enclosed areas on the premises except in accordance with reasonable time, place and manner restrictions imposed by the library director;
6. Bicycling, skateboarding, skating (including rollerblading), or similar activity within the library or on library property;
7. Removing, relocating, or repositioning library equipment or facilities such as tables, bookshelves, book stands, or other permanently placed equipment or facilities without permission of library staff;
8. Remaining in the library after closing;
9. Entering the library building without wearing shoes or a shirt, or removing shoes or shirt while inside the library;
10. Smoking within sixty feet of the main entrance of the library.

B. It is unlawful for any person to fail to obey a directive from library personnel to cease and desist from violation of any regulation, statute, or ordinance applicable to the use of the library.

(Ord. 2407 § 1, 2008; Ord. 2374 § 5 (part), 2006)