

- Subject: Smoking Restrictions on Golden Rain Foundation Property
- Purpose: To Establish a Rule Prohibiting smoking in all Rossmoor Walnut Creek (RWC) parks, open spaces, trails, and outdoor recreational facilities, except those places designated by this rule to protect persons health from secondhand smoke and prevent wildfires.
- Pertinent Laws: City of Walnut Creek Smoking Ordinance: [Smoking Laws | City of Walnut Creek \(walnut-creek.org\)](#)
- State of California Health and Safety Code 11362.3: [Law section \(ca.gov\)](#)
- State of California Code of Regulations: [California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 5148. Prohibition of Smoking in the Workplace.](#)
- Provisions: This Rule Applies to all persons while on RWC property.
- Definitions: The term smoking means: use of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, hookah pipe, and/or operating an electronic cigarette (vape), and any other similar or related personal smoking materials of any kind.
- The term smoke means: The gases, particles, or vapors released into the air as a result of combustion, electrical ignition or vaporization, when the apparent or usual purpose is human inhalation of the byproducts. The term “smoke” includes, but is not limited to, tobacco and marijuana smoke and gases, particles, and vapors from electronic cigarettes.
- Recreation Area means any area, including sidewalks open to residents and guests owned by RWC. and parks, picnic areas, playgrounds, sport facilities, open spaces, walking paths, hiking trails, gardens, bike paths, swimming pools, sports courts of any kind and golf.
- Requirements: Due to the vegetation conditions of Rossmoor from drought, environmental changes, and the historic fires in California, and due to the inherent health risks of smoking and secondhand smoke, Rossmoor Walnut Creek has determined carelessness with smoking poses a significant fire danger for all of Rossmoor and also has severe health and safety risks. Therefore, Rossmoor Walnut Creek prohibits smoking in any of its property including the golf range, the chipping area and the putting green of the golf course except for the

irrigated portion of the play area on the golf courses and other exceptions outlined in this Rule.

Exceptions: Persons are allowed to smoke tobacco products and vape pens on the irrigated portions of the play area on the golf courses, and at designated resident and employee smoking areas and in personal vehicles on RWC streets or parking lots. The designated smoking area for residents is at the Lavender Garden at Gateway. The designated employee smoking areas are as prescribed by the RWC Human Resource Department.

Please note there are no exceptions for smoking marijuana or other Federally scheduled drugs/narcotics or other substances on RWC property.

Violation of Rule:

Violations of policies, procedures, or rules will be reviewed and acted upon consistent with Policy 100, which may be found on the myrossmoor.com website or upon request at the administrative offices at Gateway Clubhouse.

Authority: Rule

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