



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Board of Supervisors

DATE: April 18, 2005

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 3, 2005
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: No

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Supervisor Jerry Hill and Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson
SUBJECT: Smoking Policy For Exterior of Certain County Buildings

RECOMMENDATION:

ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SMOKING POLICY FOR THE EXTERIOR AREAS OF CERTAIN COUNTY OWNED BUILDINGS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.

BACKGROUND:

In 1990, San Mateo County adopted a comprehensive ordinance regulating the smoking of tobacco. Section 4.96.040 of that ordinance prohibits smoking within any enclosed structure owned or leased by San Mateo County and within thirty (30) feet of the main entrance(s) of any enclosed structure owned by San Mateo County as determined by the Director of Public Works.

In 2001, San Mateo County adopted a Sustainable Building Policy requiring the County to design, build and certify to the highest applicable Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating, any County building of 5000 square feet or greater. Currently only the Crime Lab and the future Youth Services Center are subject to the LEED rating requirements.

DISCUSSION:

One of the prerequisites for a LEED rating requires that any exterior designated smoking areas must be at least 25 feet away from entries, outdoor intakes and

operable windows of the building. This is stricter than Section 4.96.040 in that it prohibits smoking in the 25 foot area from all entries, not just the main entrance. In addition, the LEED requirement prohibits smoking from operable windows and outdoor intakes which is not prohibited under the ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

Supervisor Jerome T. Tamm

Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson

cc: John L. Maltbie, County Manager