



STAFF REPORT
10/14/2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Kendra Reif, Community Development Director

PREPARED BY: Kendra Reif, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1233, adding Chapter 8.65 (“Smoke-Free Areas”) to Title VIII of the Coachella Municipal Code to establish smoke-free areas intended to protect public health and the environment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council conduct the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1233, thus completing the adoption of the Ordinance adding Chapter 8.65 (“Smoke-Free Areas”) to Title VIII of the Coachella Municipal Code to establish smoke-free areas intended to protect public health and the environment.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On September 9, 2026, the City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1233 for first reading. The Ordinance establishes smoke-free regulations applicable to designated public places, City property, sensitive receptors, public events, and multi-unit residences.

The Ordinance also establishes distance requirements, signage standards, property owner and operator responsibilities, enforcement provisions, and limited exemptions.

Ordinance No. 1233 is now before the City Council for second reading and adoption.

DISCUSSION/ ANALYSIS:

Ordinance No. 1233 establishes smoke-free requirements for designated public and recreational areas, City-owned or operated property, sensitive receptors, public events, and multi-unit residences.

The Ordinance generally establishes a twenty-five (25) foot smoke-free buffer around regulated locations, with additional protections of one hundred (100) feet from schools, preschools, licensed daycare centers, and youth recreational facilities and fifty (50) feet from certain health care facilities, senior facilities, and places of worship during services or organized activities.

The Ordinance also establishes smoke-free requirements for multi-unit residences, requires appropriate signage, and provides limited exemptions as specified in Chapter 8.65.

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE:

1. Adopt Ordinance Non. 1233, adding Chapter 8.65 (“Smoke-Free Areas”) to Title VIII of the Coachella Municipal Code to establish smoke-free areas intended to protect public health and the environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordinance No. 1233 Adding Chapter 8.65 to Title VIII of the Coachella Municipal Code to establish smoke-free areas intended to protect public health and the environment.
2. September 9, 2026 City Council Staff Report