

Oregon CAI Member Survey on Smoking Policies

November 2010

Background: CAI members were given an opportunity to help shape the May 2011 luncheon programs about SMOKING POLICIES. An electronic survey was developed by the Oregon Smokefree Housing Project* in collaboration with Clark County Public Health and with input from the CAI education committee. The CAI Board approved the survey and the Executive Director sent two promotional emails providing the survey link -- It was open October 1st through November 1st. As an incentive, all members completing the survey and providing contact information were entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate for Jake's/McCormick & Schmick's.

Eighty-five CAI members took the survey. They identified themselves as:

Professional property managers - 48%

Owner/board volunteers - 37%

Business or non-profit partners -15%

Do you think that secondhand smoke is a health hazard? (85 respondents)

Yes - 97%

No - 1%

Don't know - 2%

Do you think that no-smoking policies are desirable for community associations?

(84 respondents)

Yes - 74%

No - 5%

Not sure - 21%

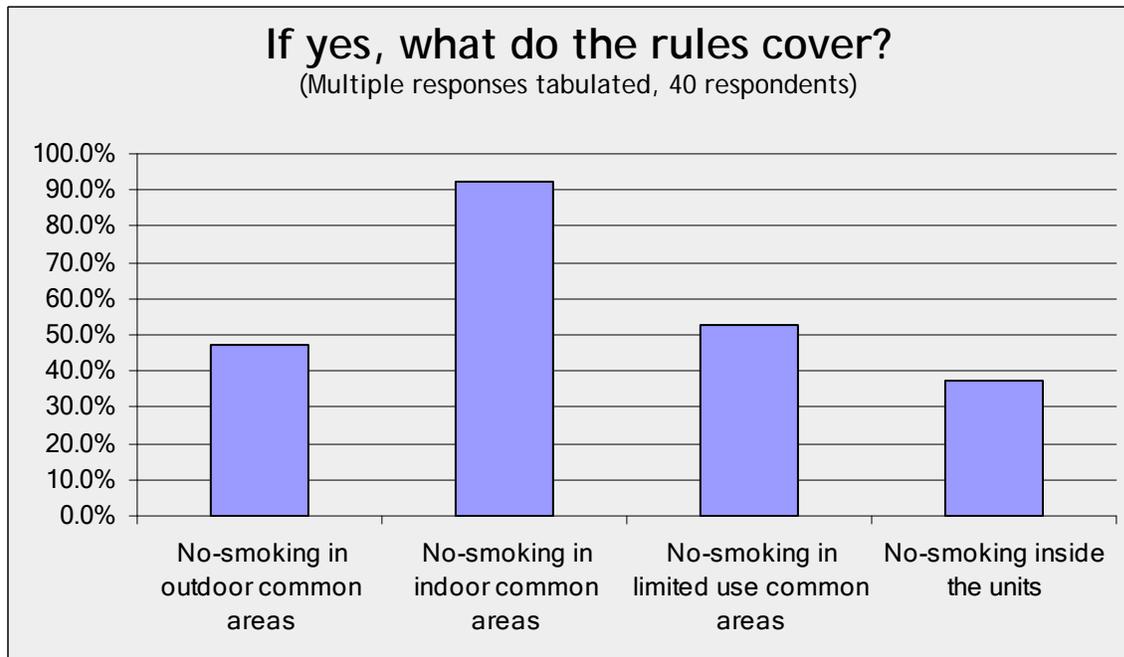
Do any of the HOAs you manage, live in or have as clients currently have no-smoking rules?

(85 respondents)

Yes - 42%

No - 45%

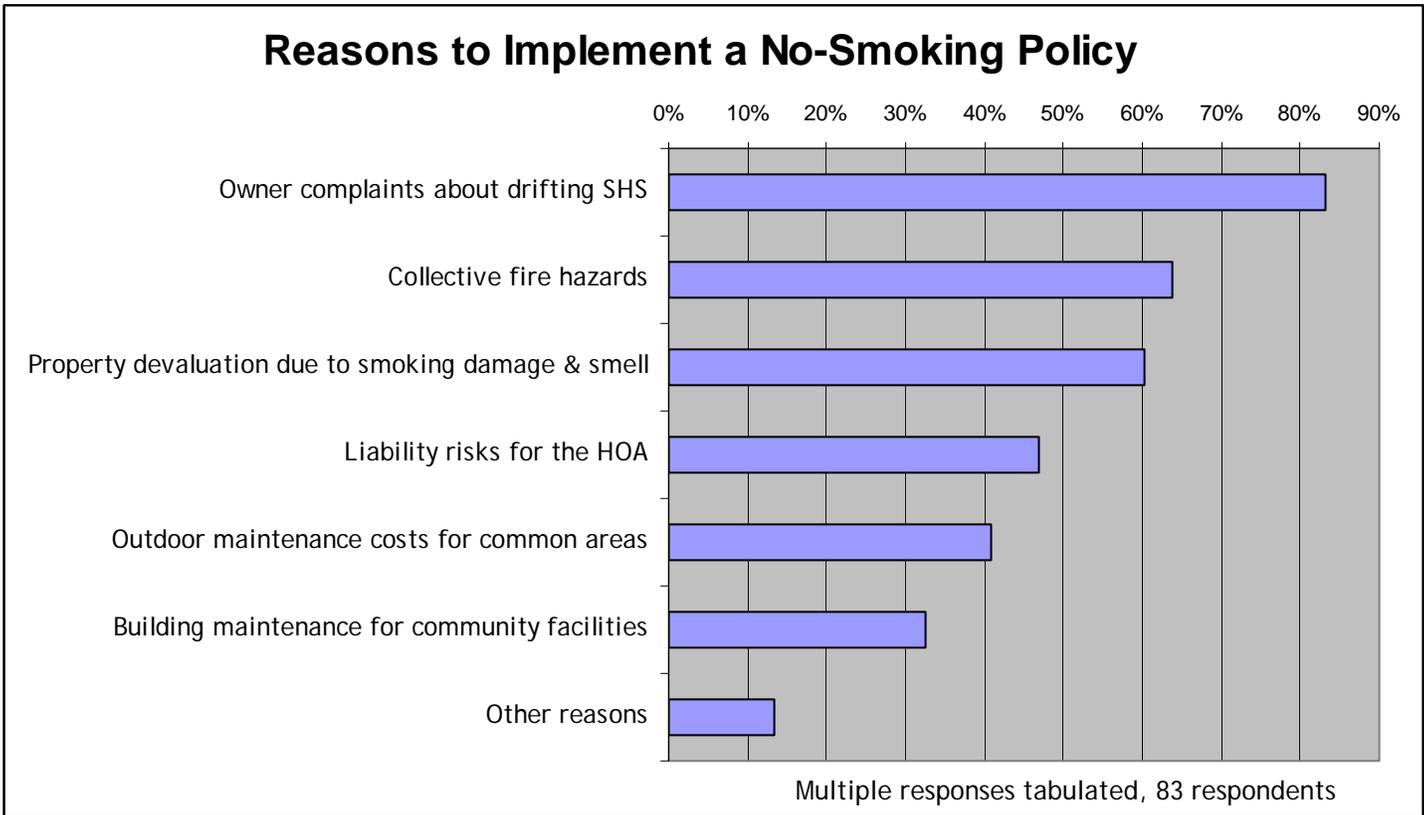
Not applicable - 13%



Have you heard complaints about drifting smoke from:

(Multiple responses tabulated, 85 respondents):

- Resident owners - 79%
- Maintenance staff - 20%
- Others - 24%



Other reasons: Health-related (10), LEED certified buildings' airflow does not allow for isolating smoke just inside the units (1)

Author's Note: In an effort to develop a survey tool without a public health bias, "health reasons" was not included as one of the choices. Nonetheless, ten members wrote in health-related responses in the "other" category.

If an HOA wishes to adopt a no-smoking policy, which would support them in moving forward:

(Multiple responses tabulated, 85 respondents)

- Understanding the legality of no-smoking policies - 92%
- Sample forms and legal language - 68%
- An outline of steps to move forward - 67%
- Help in conducting a resident survey to determine people's preferences - 54%
- Draft articles for community newsletters - 47%
- Having secondhand smoke declared a "nuisance" by law - 40%
- Web-based handouts for owners on the subject - 27%