




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**Project Title**

2ND READING OF A ZONING ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 41 TO REGULATE SMOKE SHOPS

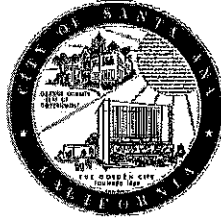
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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**From the Requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

**To:** COUNTY CLERK/County of Orange  
P.O. Box 238  
Santa Ana, CA 92702-0238

**From:** City of Santa Ana  
P.O. Box 1988  
20 Civic Center Plaza  
Santa Ana, CA 92702

Contact: Siri Champion, Principal Planner  
Phone: (714) 667-2751  
Email: [SChampion@santa-ana.org](mailto:SChampion@santa-ana.org)

**Project Title:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of a Zoning Ordinance to amend Chapter 41 to regulate smoke shops.

**Date of Approval:** March 17, 2026

**Project Number(s):** Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) No. 2026-01

**Project Location:** Citywide

**City:** Santa Ana

**County:** Orange

**ER Number:** 2026-08

**Project Description:** An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Ana to establish regulations for the location, licensing, permitting, and operational requirements related to smoke shops.

**Applicant Name:** City of Santa Ana

**Applicant Address:** 20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92702

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Santa Ana

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of Santa Ana

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 15269 (b through e))
- General Rule (Sec. 15061(b)(3)/(5))
- Statutory Exemption:
- Categorical Exemption:
- Other: Sec. 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3)

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**Reason(s) Why Project is Exempt from CEQA:** Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and the CEQA Guidelines, the adoption of this Ordinance ("Project") is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15060(c)(2) because the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment; Section 15060(c)(3), because the activity is not a "project" as defined in Section 15378; and Section 15061(b)(3), because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of this ordinance, which establishes land use and zoning regulations for smoke shops to protect public health and safety, may have a significant effect on the environment. These amendments are administrative and regulatory in nature, do not authorize specific development projects, and are intended to prevent the over-concentration and proliferation of smoke shops near sensitive uses.

**City Contact:** Siri A. Champlon **Title:** Principal Planner **Telephone:** (714) 667-2751

**Signature:**  \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** March 18, 2026 \_\_\_\_\_

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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING ORANGE COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 202685000306	

PROJECT TITLE  
 2ND READING OF A ZONING ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 41 TO REGULATE SMOKE SHOPS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF SANTA ANA	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (714) 667-2751
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS P.O. BOX 1988, 20 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA	CITY SANTA ANA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 92702

**PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)**

Local Public Agency     
  School District     
  Other Special District     
  State Agency     
  Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)      \$ 4,227.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)      \$ 3,043.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW      \$ 1,437.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Exempt from fee
  - Notice of Exemption (attach)
  - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)      \$ 850.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- County documentary handling fee      \$ 50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Other      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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