



## Local Colorado Laws that Prohibit Marijuana Smoking or Vaping

Many communities have passed ordinances regulating smoking in public places or workplaces in Colorado. Some were passed before the most recent update to the [Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act \(CCIAA\)](#) update in 2019, but most of these local laws were enacted before then. The CCIAA allows communities to pass local laws that are stronger than the state law. The CCIAA provisions that are stronger than the local law apply if the local law is weaker. For example, some local ordinances may only apply to government buildings, parks, or other public places. The CCIAA would apply to all public places and workplaces in those communities.

GASP of Colorado reviewed Colorado's local ordinances that prohibit smoking within certain public places or workplaces. Some have also added any electronic smoking device. These updates of local Colorado laws that regulate smoking are posted [on GASP's website](#).

GASP's review found that marijuana smoking and sometimes vaping is prohibited in more than 50 local ordinances because of the way smoking is defined. Some of the ordinances use the term "any type of smoking" or "any lighted smoking instrument." Some ordinances prohibit "using any form of tobacco or other combustible substance in any form" or "any other plant or weed." In GASP's opinion, these laws and policies that limit marijuana smoking or vaping should apply unless a community changes them. The following 54 local ordinances — as of December 2023 — addressed limits on marijuana smoking or vaping in public places and /or workplaces based on how they define smoking.

Community	Ordinance wording that covers marijuana smoking or vaping
Alamosa 2018	Smoke or smoking shall mean the combustion of any cigar, cigarette, pipe or similar article, using any form of tobacco or other combustible substance in any form, or the possession of any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or similar article, using any form of tobacco or other combustible substance in any form.
Arapahoe County 2015	The word "smoking" shall mean: (1) inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, weed, plant or other combustible substance in any manner or in any form; and (2) inhaling, exhaling, or otherwise using, any electronic smoking device or other device which can be used to simulate smoking by the delivery of vapors containing nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device.
Arvada 2015	Smoke or Smoking means the possession of a lighted cigarette, cigar, or pipe containing tobacco or other matter or substance, regardless of its composition, or the lighting of such cigarette, cigar, or pipe. Law also includes any electronic smoking device.
Aspen 1996	Smoking means the combustion of any cigar, cigarette, pipe, or similar article, using any form of tobacco or other combustible substance in any form.
Aurora 1988	Smoking instrument means any cigar, cigarette, pipe or other smoking equipment.
Avon 2006	Prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment.
Berthoud 2018	"Smoking" means the act of burning, heating, activation, or carrying of any device, including, but not limited to, a cigarette, cigar, pipe, hookah, or electronic smoking device, electronic cigarette, vape pen, e-hookah or similar device by any other product name or descriptor, that results in the release of smoke, vapors or aerosol when the apparent or usual purpose of the burning, heating or activation of the device is human inhalation.
Boulder 2015	"Smoke" or "smoking" means the lighting of any cigarette, cigar, pipe or activation of an electronic smoking device. or the possession of any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or activated electronic smoking device regardless of its composition.
Boulder County 2021	Smoke or smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. Smoking includes the use of an electronic smoking device but excludes devices or combination products authorized for sale by the United States Food and Drug Administration as those terms are defined in the Federal Food and Drug and Cosmetic Act.
Breckenridge 2015	Environmental tobacco and marijuana smoke: The complex mixture formed from the escaping smoke of burning tobacco or marijuana, and smoke exhaled by the smoker.

	"Environmental tobacco and marijuana smoke" also includes the escaping vapor or aerosol of an electronic smoking device, also known as "side stream smoke", and vapor or aerosol exhaled by the smoker.
Brighton 2015	Smoke or smoking means: The lighting or activation of any cigarette, cigar, pipe, hookah, bong, shabong, electronic smoking device, or other device of whatever nature intended for or being used for smoking or inhaling nicotine, marijuana or other vapor, or the possession of any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, hookah, bong, shabong, or other device of whatever nature intended for or being used for smoking, regardless of the composition of the lighted material, or contents within an activated electronic smoking device
Broomfield 2019	Smoke or smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe or any other lighted or heated tobacco, plant product, or any other substance intended for inhalation, including marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. "Smoking" also includes the use of an electronic smoking device.
Canon City 2017	"Smoking" means the lighting of any cigarette, cigar, pipe, or the activation of an electronic smoking device, or the possession of any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or activated electronic smoking device, regardless of its composition. Smoking shall include the lighting of any cigarette, cigar, pipe, or the activation of an electronic smoking device containing marijuana.
Carbondale 2019	Smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. Smoking also includes the use of an electronic smoking device, as that term is defined in Section 10-6-60 of this Code, but which excludes a humidifier or similar device that emits only water vapor or an inhaler, nebulizer, or vaporizer that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the delivery of medication.
Centennial 2019	Smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. "Smoking" also includes the use of an ESD.
Central City 2021	Smoke or smoking means the burning of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco.
Colorado Springs 2001	SMOKING: The carrying of a lighted pipe, lighted cigar, or lighted cigarette of any kind and includes the lighting of a pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind. Also includes electronic devices.
Commerce City 2011	Smoke shall mean the gases, particles, or vapors released into the air as a result of combustion, electrical ignition, or vaporization, including from an electronic smoking device, when the purpose of the combustion, electrical ignition, or vaporization is human inhalation of the gases, particles, or vapors. Smoking shall mean engaging in an act that generates smoke.
Dillon 2021	Smoking means the burning, heating, electrical ignition, use of a delivery device, vaporization, aerosolization or carrying of a lighted or heated cigarette, cigar, pipe, or any other similar product, device, matter or substance that contains tobacco, nicotine, or marijuana, or any other substance or combination thereof, and the inhaling and exhaling of environmental smoke created thereby.
Douglas County 2014	As used in this policy, the word "smoking" shall mean the possession of a lighted cigarette, cigar, or pipe containing tobacco or other organic burning matter, regardless of its composition, or the lighting of such cigarette, cigar, or pipe by any person. "Smoking" shall include the use of electronic smoking devices and tobacco/marijuana vaporizers.
Durango 2018	Smoking means engaging in an act that generates smoke such as inhaling, exhaling, burning, heating or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, water pipe, or pipe containing tobacco or other organic burning material, weed, plant or other combustible substance regardless of its composition.
Eagle County 2019	"Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or other lighted plant or combustible substance in any manner or in any form.
Edgewater 2019	Smoking means the burning, heating, electrical ignition or vaporization of a cigarette, cigar, pipe or any other similar product, matter or substance that contains tobacco, nicotine, marijuana any other substance or any combination thereof, and the inhaling and exhaling of environmental smoke created thereby.
Fort Collins 2018	Smoke or smoking shall mean inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe or any other lighted or heated tobacco, marijuana, hemp, cloves,

	smoking material or other plant product packaged, marketed, sold or intended for inhalation, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. Smoke or smoking also includes the use of an ESD and the act of vaping.
Frisco 2016	Smoking means the burning, heating, electrical ignition or vaporization of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or any other similar product, device, matter or substance that contains tobacco, nicotine, or marijuana, or any other substance or combination thereof, and the inhaling and exhaling of environmental smoke created thereby.
Fruita 2018	Smoking means engaging in an act that generates smoke such as inhaling, exhaling, burning, heating or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, water pipe, electronic delivery device, or pipe containing tobacco or other organic burning material, weed, plant or other combustible substance regardless of its composition.
Glendale 1993	"Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, weed, plant or other combustible substance in any manner or in any form.
Glenwood Springs 2019	Smoking means the act of burning, heating, activation or carrying of any device, including, but not limited to a cigarette, cigar, pipe, hookah, electronic smoking device, electronic cigarette, vape pen, e-hookah or similar device, by any other product name or descriptor, that results in the release of smoke, vapors or aerosols when the apparent or usual purpose of the burning, heating or activation of the device is human inhalation.
Golden 2018	Smoking means the burning of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco, marijuana, or the active use of an electronic smoking device.
Grand Junction 2020	Smoking instrument means an instrument of any kind which can be used to deliver substances, including but not limited to nicotine, tobacco, or marijuana, to the person using such instrument. Smoking instrument shall include, without limitation, cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes and hookahs. Smoking instrument shall specifically include electronic smoking devices.
Greeley 2019	Smoking instrument means an instrument of any kind which can be used to deliver substances, including but not limited to, nicotine, tobacco, or marijuana, to the person using such instrument. The term "smoking instrument" includes, without limitation, cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, and hookahs. The term "smoking instrument" shall specifically include electronic smoking devices.
Greenwood Village 2019	Smoking means the burning of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco, nicotine or marijuana and includes the use of electronic smoking devices or electronic nicotine delivery systems.
Lafayette 2019	Smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. "Smoking" also includes the use of an electronic smoking device.
Lakewood 2019	Smoking means the burning, heating, electrical ignition or vaporizing of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, electronic smoking device, or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco, nicotine, marijuana, or any other substance, or combination thereof, and the inhaling and exhaling of environmental smoke created thereby.
Larimer County 2009	No person shall smoke or carry a lighted instrument.
Littleton 2020	Smoke or smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. Smoking includes the use of an electronic smoking device.
Longmont 2019	Smoke or smoking means: The possession of a lit cigarette, cigar or pipe containing tobacco or other organic burning material regardless of its composition, or activated electronic smoking device, or the lighting of such cigarette, cigar or pipe or activation of an electronic smoking device.
Louisville 2014	Smoke or Smoking means the burning, carrying or possession of any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco or the using [of] an electronic smoking device.
Loveland 2015	Smoking means the burning of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco including, without limitation, marijuana.
Montrose 2019	Smoking means the burning, heating, electrical ignition or vaporizing of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, electronic smoking device, or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco, nicotine, marijuana, or any other substance, or combination thereof, and the inhaling and exhaling of environmental smoke created thereby.

New Castle 2004	Smoke" or "smoking" means the lighting of any cigarette, cigar or pipe, or the possession of any lighted cigarette, cigar or pipe, regardless of the composition of the burning materials.
Northglenn 2006	" <b>Smoking</b> " means the burning of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, electronic smoking device, or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco or marijuana
Parker 2013	Smoking means the burning of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco or marijuana as defined by Subsection 8.08.030(a) of this Code.
Rifle 2006	Smoking means the burning of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco.
Salida 2017	Smoking means the act of burning, heating, activation or carrying of any device, including, but not limited to a cigarette, cigar, pipe, hookah, or electronic smoking device, electronic cigarette, vape pen, e-hookah or similar device, by any other product name or descriptor, that results in the release of smoke, vapors or aerosols when the apparent or usual purpose of the burning, heating or activation of the device is human inhalation.
Snowmass 2007	Smoking means the combustion of any cigar, cigarette, pipe or similar article, using any form of tobacco or other combustible substance in any form, or any electronic cigarette
Steamboat Springs 2011	Smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, weed, plant or other combustible substance in any manner or in any form.
Telluride 2019	Smoking means the combustion in any cigar, cigarette, pipe or similar article of any form of tobacco or any other combustible substance in any form inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. Smoking also includes the use of an ESD.
Thornton 2015	Smoking means the combustion in any cigar, cigarette, pipe or similar article of any form of tobacco or any other combustible substance in any form inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or
Timnath 2018	Smoking means the act of burning, heating, activation or carrying of any device, including, but not limited to a cigarette, cigar, pipe, hookah, or electronic smoking device, electronic cigarette, vape pen, e-hookah or similar device, by any other product name or descriptor, that results in the release of smoke, vapors or aerosols when the apparent or usual purpose of the burning, heating or activation of the device is human inhalation.
Vail 2016	SMOKING: The lighting of any cigarette, cigar, pipe, or the activation of an electronic smoking device, or the possession of any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or activated electronic smoking device, regardless of its composition.
Westcliffe 2003	Smoking" means and includes the carrying of a lighted pipe, lighted cigar or lighted cigarette, regardless of its composition, the possession of any lighted pipe, cigar or cigarette or the lighting of any pipe, cigar or cigarette.
Westminster 2019	Smoking shall mean the burning of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco or marijuana.
Wheat Ridge 2020	Smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. Smoking also includes the use of an ESD, heating, electrical ignition or vaporization of a similar product, nicotine, any other substance, or any combination thereof, and the inhaling and exhaling of environmental smoke created thereby.

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