

Peer City Comparison - Tobacco Retail Practices

	Seller permit requirements	Seller permit period	Distance Requirements	Site Requirements	Smoke shops permitted by Zoning Code	Zoning Definitions
City of Riverside	Required for any incidental or primary tobacco retail use	Must be renewed every two years.	None	None	Permitted as a retail use in commercial zones	Smoke shops/tobacco stores means a business with sales of tobacco, either loose or prepared as cigarettes and products for the smoking of tobacco constituting more than 30 percent of gross sales and/or 30 percent of net lease area.
City of Santa AnaA4:A7G3A4:A8A4:A6AA4:A8	Required for any incidental or primary tobacco retail use	Must be renewed every year.	None	None	Permitted as a retail use in commercial zones	None
City of Long Beach	Required for any incidental or primary tobacco retail use	Must be renewed every year.	None	None	Permitted as a retail use in commercial zones	None
City of Pasadena	Required for any incidental or primary tobacco retail use	Must be renewed every year.	No significant tobacco retailer shall be located within 1,000 feet of a sensitive land use (e.g., game arcade, Internet access studio, library, licensed child day-care facility [excluding a small or large family day-care use], park and recreation facility, public or private school, or theater, as any of those land use types may be defined in Article 8 (Glossary)	None	Conditionally permitted in Commercial General and Industrial General zones	Significant Tobacco Retailers: Establishmnets that devote 20% or more of the display area to the sale or exchange of tobacco products and/or paraphernalia

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City of Moreno Valley	Required for any incidental or primary tobacco retail use	Must be renewed every year.	May not be located within: - 600 feet of any other smoke shop, adult business, emergency shelter, rehab center, civic use, or sober living facility -400 feet of higher education institutions and vocational training facilities - 200 feet of churches, arcades, bowling alleys, race tracks, other recreational entertainment.	None	Conditionally permitted if located within 600 feet of a school, daycare facilities, public parks, and nonprofit youth facilities and/or; 300 feet of a residential zone.	<i>"Smoke shop" shall mean a retail establishment, commonly known as a smoking shop, smoking lounge, vape shop, hookah bar, cigar bar, cigar shop, or headshop, which provides or sells products intended or designed for use in ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing tobacco into the human body, including but not limited to tobacco products, electronic cigarettes which contain nicotine and emit smoke or vapor, smoking accessories, including but not limited to rolling papers, rolling machines, herb grinders, scales, glass pipes, hookah pipes, bongs, bubblers, or other paraphernalia</i>
City of Beverly Hills	Required for any incidental or primary tobacco retail use. Beginning May 21, 2019, the City stopped accepting or processing applications for tobacco retailer permits.	Beginning January 1, 2021 tobacco retailers may only be granted a license/renewal if hardship can be demonstrated per the requirements of the municipal code.	None	None	Prohibited - only referenced as incidental to convenience store uses.	<i>Tobacconist: Any retail business with at least ninety percent (90%) of its retail floor area dedicated to the sale of tobacco products such as cigarettes, tobacco, and pipes.</i>