



Smokefree Areas Policy

07 November 2017

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Council is encouraging the development of a health community with a clean air environment.

This policy will aid in denormalising smoking for children and young people by reducing its visibility in public places and contribute to improved health and wellbeing by reducing smoking and the impacts of second-hand smoke.

Scope

Invercargill City Council is committed to working alongside the Central Government goal of a Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 by reducing the uptake of smoking. Council can aid in implementing change by denormalising smoking in areas around the City.

Definitions

Smokefree	Any smoking device such as cigarette, e-cigarette, vaporizer and others.
Smokefree Area	The boundary is from Tay Street to Spey Street/Deveron Street to Dee Street, including Wachner Place.

Smokefree Areas

The Invercargill city centre will become a smokefree area – this would encompass the area as attached at **Appendix A**.

This applies to all public accessways pertaining to commercial buildings (footpaths, doorways etc.) and facilities in the area; outdoor public areas; events organised and held within the area; outdoor dining areas and others.

Council's Responsibility and Implementation

This policy seeks to discourage smoking within the smokefree area and proposes to do so through the use of signage, promotion, marketing and working with entities within the area.

The focus of signage will be targeted in high density areas, areas where smoking is prevalent, and at the discretion of commercial buildings and facilities within the area.

Council acknowledge that some businesses allow their staff members to smoke at the back out of the public eye, this may continue so long as it is out of sight from the street face if in the affected area.

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Review Period:	This policy will be reviewed every year, unless earlier review is required due to legislative change, or is warranted by another reason requested by Council.
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Appendix A

Map of Smokefree Area

