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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:22 PM  
**To:** Dave Persson - Persson & Cohen  
**Cc:** Kathleen Schneider  
**Subject:** RE: smoking in public parks

Dave:

I checked with Kathi Schneider. The prohibition against smoking on our beaches remains in the code and will be repealed the next time that the code is amended.

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**From:** Dave Persson - Persson & Cohen [<mailto:dpersson@swflgovlaw.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2017 10:17 AM  
**To:** Stephen DeMarsh  
**Subject:** smoking in public parks

Hi Steve,  
Both the City and County passed no smoking ordinances in parks and beaches back in 2010. Shortly thereafter, the state passed legislation that pre-empted local communities from regulating in that area. The City is now considering removing its ordinance from its code, but given the relationship with the County and its parks, wants to make sure it is acting in a fashion consistent with the County . Has the County taken any action?  
As always, thanks for your help.  
Dave

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