

# Smoke-Free Policies in Minnesota Common Interest Communities



Since 2007 Live Smoke Free (LSF) has collected data on smoke-free properties in multi-unit housing in Minnesota, including some common interest communities (CICs). CICs are defined as townhomes, condominiums, and other homeowner associations. Cooperatives, a type of CIC, are included.

As of June 2020:

162

MN CIC's exist  
in LSF database

30%

of CICs report  
having some  
type of smoke-  
free policy

17%

of CICs  
report a  
smoke-free  
policy via  
house rules  
change\*

13%

of CICs report  
a smoke-free  
policy via  
declaration  
change \*\*

9

Number of  
MN Counties  
with smoke-  
free CICs \*\*\*

**\*House Rules:** A rules & regulations change can be accomplished by a majority vote of the association board

**Pros:** Easier to implement and change  
**Cons:** More susceptible to challenges

**\*\*Declaration:** According to MN state law, a change to the declaration requires a super majority of at least 67% of votes in the association

**Pros:** Given more consideration by the courts and stronger against legal challenges  
**Cons:** More difficult and costly to pass

\*\*\*Counties with CICs with smoke-free policies: Anoka, Clay, Dakota, Hennepin, Olmsted, Ottertail, Ramsey, Steel, Washington

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