

ORDINANCE NO. 131

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST  
REGULATING SMOKING IN THEATERS AND  
SIMILAR PUBLIC PLACES

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA,  
DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke any type of cigarette, cigar or pipe in any indoor theater, dance hall, skating rink, auditorium, assembly hall, meeting hall or other similar place of assemblage where fifty (50) or more persons may gather together, except in rest rooms or other specific areas clearly designated as being permissible for smoking. "NO SMOKING" signs may be prominently posted in any such places of public assemblage where smoking constitutes a hazard to life or property.

Section 2. This ordinance shall not be deemed to make it unlawful for a performer to smoke upon the stage during and as a part of any theatrical production, or for any person to smoke in rooms or areas designated therefor.

Section 3. Any person violating this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or by imprisonment in jail for not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately as an urgency ordinance pursuant to Section 36937 of the Government Code. The facts constituting the urgency are that the health, safety and welfare of the public in places of public assembly are endangered by the lack of adequate regulations concerning smoking.

Section 5. The Chief of Police shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of this ordinance.

Section 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause it to be published as required by law.

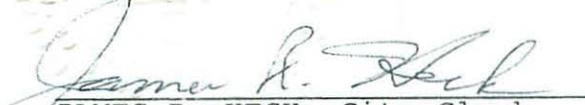
APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of December,  
1970, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Smith, Councilmen Edwards, Fox, Kessler  
and Shacklett

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:

  
JAMES R. HECK, City Clerk

  
KENNETH M. SMITH, Mayor