

Council snuffs out smoking in front of downtown businesses

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FAIRFIELD — An ordinance that prohibits smoking in designated outdoor areas of downtown businesses has won City Council approval.

“This is just another way of beautifying the downtown,” Margaret Manzo said.

The executive director of the Fairfield Main Street Association spoke before the City Council vote Tuesday. Businesses overwhelmingly support the measure, she said.

Mayor Harry Price said he was surprised no one spoke against the measure.

Regulations will prohibit outdoor smoking on Texas Street within 25 feet of doorways and windows.

“Patrons are less likely to enjoy an outdoor dining experience if they perceive that the outdoor space is not a healthy one,” a city staff report said.

Davis, Walnut Creek and Concord are among cities that have reduced the impacts of second-hand smoke downtown, the report said.

Electronic smoking devices are also be prohibited.

Fairfield already prohibits smoking in enclosed places such as stores, schools and restaurants.

The city adopted smoking regulations in 1987, the staff report said.

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