

FILEDSuperior Court of California
County of Los Angeles**JANUARY 2, 2025**

David W. Slayton, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court

By: R. Mina, Deputy

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

MARIJUANA POSSESSION IN COURTHOUSE

GENERAL ORDER
(SUPERSEDING 2023-GEN-007-00)

Marijuana is not allowed in the courthouse under any circumstances without a court order.

Penal Code section 4573, subdivision (a) prohibits all persons from bringing any controlled substance and related paraphernalia into any place, such as a courthouse, where prisoners or inmates are located under the custody of the Sheriff or within the grounds of such a place. Marijuana is an “illegal controlled substance” under federal law. (Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. § 812.) It is a “controlled substance” under state law as well. (Health & Saf. Code, § 11054, subd. (d)(13).) The California Supreme Court has decided that neither the Americans with Disabilities Act nor the Fair Employment and Housing Act protects marijuana users from employment decisions based on the use or medical use of marijuana. (*Ross v. RagingWire Telecommunications, Inc.* (2008) 42 Cal.4th 920, 926.) Nothing in the Health and Safety Code, section 11362.1, which permits the use of marijuana or marijuana products under certain circumstances, permits any person to smoke or ingest marijuana or marijuana products in any public place or to smoke marijuana or marijuana products in a location where smoking tobacco is prohibited. (Health & Saf. Code, § 11362.3, subd. (a)(1) & (2) and § 11362.45)

Government Code section 7597 prohibits smoking any tobacco product inside a public building or in an outdoor area within 20 feet of a main exit, entrance, or operable window of a public building.

1 Effective immediately, this General Order is to remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the
2 Presiding Judge.

3 GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFOR, IT IS SO ORDERED.
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6 DATED: January 2, 2025



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SERGIO C. TAPIA II
Presiding Judge