

Appendix B – Raise Your Grade

As is evidenced by the 21 cities and counties that have overall A grades, strong tobacco control policies can work in any community. So how can your community improve its health and raise its grade? Below is a worksheet that can be used to determine what types of policies could improve the health of your city or county and help raise its grade. Just fill in the points for the policies your community already has in the right-hand column, and see how many more points you will need to increase your grade. These policies will improve the health of your communities and ensure that tobacco is kept out of the hands of children.

Smokefree Outdoor Air

	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points	4 Points	Total Points
Dining		Allows designated smoking areas or includes exceptions		100% smokefree	
Entryways		Less than 15 feet of all entryways or within an unspecified distance	Within 15-19 feet of all entryways	20 or more feet from all entryways	
Public Events		Some types of public events but not all	Allows designated smoking areas	100% smokefree	
Recreation Areas		Some parks, beaches and trails	Allows designated smoking areas	100% smokefree	
Service Areas		Some types of service areas but not all		All service areas	
Sidewalks	Some or all sidewalks or other pedestrian walkways				
Worksites	Some or all outdoor worksites				
TOTAL:					

18+ points = **A** 13-17 points = **B** 8-12 points = **C** 3-7 points = **D** 0-2 points = **F**

Smokefree Housing

	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points	4 Points	Total Points
Nonsmoking Units in Apartments	Prohibits smoking in 75% or more of new apartment units	75% of new and existing apartment units		75-100% of units for both new and existing apartments	
Nonsmoking Units in Condominiums	Prohibits smoking in 75% or more of new condos units	75% of new and existing condos units		75-100% of units for both new and existing condos	
Nonsmoking Common Areas		Indoor common areas		Indoor and outdoor common areas	
Prohibits smoking within 75% of units under control of Housing Authority	Prohibits smoking within 75% of units for multi-unit housing complexes under control of Housing Authority				
TOTAL:					

If jurisdiction has Housing Authority:

11+ Points – **A** 2-4 Points – **D**
 8-10 Points – **B** 0-1 Points – **F**
 5-7 Points – **C**

If jurisdiction does not have Housing Authority:

10+ Points – **A** 1-3 Points – **D**
 7-9 Points – **B** 0 Points – **F**
 4-6 Points – **C**

REDUCING SALES OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS:

Policy Provisions:

- (1) Require tobacco retailers to pay an annual fee that sufficiently covers administration and enforcement efforts, including compliance checks;
- (2) Requirement that all retailers obtain a license to sell tobacco and renew it annually;
- (3) Provision that any violation of a local, state or federal tobacco law is considered a violation of the license; and
- (4) Financial deterrent through fines and penalties for violations that includes suspension and revocation of the license.

	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points	4 Points	Total Points
Tobacco Retailer Licensing	A sufficient annual fee and 0 of the other 3 provisions outlined above or licensing ordinance with insufficient annual fee and any of the other 3 provisions outlined above	A sufficient annual fee and 1 of the other 3 provisions outlined above	A sufficient annual fee and 2 of the other 3 provisions outlined above	A sufficient annual fee and the other 3 provisions outlined above	
TOTAL:					

4 points = **A** 3 points = **B** 2 points = **C** 1 points = **D** 0 points = **F**

EMERGING ISSUES BONUS POINTS:

	Bonus Point	Total Points
Secondhand Smoke (Bonus Point)	There is a strong definition of smoke, smoking or tobacco product that would include electronic cigarettes or other new and emerging tobacco products in a jurisdiction's secondhand smoke laws and the jurisdiction's secondhand smoke laws extend further than the state laws.	
Tobacco Retailer License (Bonus Point)	There is a strong definition of smoke, smoking or tobacco product that would include electronic cigarettes or other new and emerging tobacco products in a jurisdiction's tobacco retailer licensing ordinance.	
Tobacco Retailer Location Restrictions (Bonus Point)	Restricts businesses that sell tobacco from being located within certain distance of schools and/or parks. Or the policy prohibits a tobacco retailer from being located within a certain distance of other retailers to avoid high concentration in certain areas. Or there is a limit to the number of tobacco retailer licenses that can be issued.	
Sampling of Tobacco Products (Bonus Point)	Prohibit sampling or nominal cost distribution of all or some tobacco products or in all locations.	
Sales in Pharmacies (Bonus Point)	Prohibit sales in all or some pharmacies	
Flavored Tobacco Products (Bonus Point)	The sale of flavored tobacco products, including cigars, little cigars, pipe tobacco and electronic cigarettes is prohibited.	
Minimum Pack Size of Cigars (Bonus Point)	Prohibit the sale of cigars in individual or small packages, which increases the price and makes them less attractive to youth.	
TOTAL:		

4+ points = **A** 3 points = **B** 2 points = **C** 1 points = **D** 0 points = **F**

Each of the seven Emerging Issues can receive 1 bonus point. Receiving a total of 4 or more of these bonus points adds one point to the Overall Tobacco Control points.