

Capitola considers anti-smoking rules

A smoking control ordinance, almost identical to the one already adopted by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, will be discussed Thursday night by the Capitola City Council.

The council will meet at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 420 Capitola Ave.

The ordinance, modified by City Attorney Richard Manning to fit the city's ordinance requirements, requires employers to "provide smoke-free areas for nonsmokers to the maximum extent possible," set aside at least 50 percent of the seating capacity and floor space in restaurants, cafeterias and employee lounges for nonsmokers.

It also bans smoking completely in retail businesses, banks, public areas of hotels and motels, public offices, museums and libraries (except in separate smoking rooms) auditoriums, movie and stage theaters, classrooms, conference and meeting rooms, eleva-

tors, medical facilities, and restrooms.

Areas not covered by the proposed city ordinance include: bars, home (except when used as a child care or health care facility), hotel and motel rooms, retail tobacco stores, county correctional facilities, semi-private rooms of health facilities where all patients have requested that smoking be permitted.

The council will also hold public hearings on:

—A rent increase appeal by the owners of the Brookvale Terrace mobile home park.

—The filing of a resolution with the Santa Cruz County Local Agency Formation Commission, seeking to take over the Capitola Fire Protection District.

—Approval of drainage plans for the Capitola Auto Plaza.

—An appeal by C.W. Beneke of the Planning Commission's denial of his application to build a 45 square foot addition to his home in the Soquel Creek floodway on Riverview Drive.