

[Anchorage PrideFest](#)

2019 was the 6th year Anchorage PrideFest was smoke and tobacco free. ALA has been a longtime sponsor of this event and had a booth at it on Saturday, June 29th with longtime volunteer Tom Rachal who lost his previous partner to lung cancer. 100 surveys were completed with 96% who were supportive or neutral of the policy.

From 100 responses:

- 77 people (77%) strongly support the policy
 - 11 use only marijuana
 - 4 use only cigarettes
 - 4 use only e-cigarettes
 - 5 use a combination of marijuana and cigarettes and/or e-cigarettes
 - 1 uses only chewing tobacco
 - 1 uses cigarettes, chewing tobacco, marijuana, meth, and cocaine
 - 51 use nothing
- 8 people (8%) somewhat support the policy
 - 4 use only marijuana
 - 2 use marijuana and e-cigarettes
 - 1 uses only cigarettes
 - 1 uses nothing
- 11 people (11%) were neutral about the policy
 - 4 use only marijuana
 - 1 uses only cigarettes
 - 2 use only e-cigarettes
 - 2 use a combination of marijuana and cigarettes and/or e-cigarettes
 - 2 use nothing
- 4 people (4%) somewhat disapprove of the policy
 - 3 use only marijuana
 - 1 uses nothing
- 0 people (0%) strongly disapprove of the policy

To Note: 32 respondents stated they used marijuana (32%). 23 stated they used tobacco and/or e-cigarette (23%). 55 used nothing (55%).

[Regional Data from Anchorage PrideFest](#)

81 from Alaska (81% of total attendees)

- 48 from Anchorage
 - 38 strongly support (79%)
 - 1 somewhat supports (2%)
 - 6 neutral (13%)
 - 3 somewhat disapprove (6%)
- 14 from Mat-Su (10 Wasilla, 3 Palmer, 1 Big Lake)
 - 12 strongly support (86%)
 - 1 somewhat supports (7%)
 - 1 neutral (7%)
- 16 from "Alaska"
 - 10 strongly support (62%)
 - 3 somewhat support (19%)
 - 3 neutral (19%)

- 1 from Bethel – strongly supports
- 1 from Unalaska – strongly supports
- 1 from Lower Kalskag – strongly supports

19 from out of state (19% - TX, NV, Am. Samoa, CA, MA, WY, TN, NY, WA, HI, PA, Mexico, FL, MN)

- 14 strongly supported (74%)
- 3 somewhat supported (16%)
- 1 was neutral (5%)
- 1 somewhat disapproved (5%)

Comments made at Anchorage Pridefest:

“Each year gets better, keep it up” – strongly supports and uses e-cigarettes

“I can breathe, cigarette smoke makes me cough. YUCK! STAY SMOKEFREE. I want to live and not breathe smokers’ crappy, toxic smoke!” – strongly supports and uses nothing

“Thanks for making this awesome event smokefree!!!!” – strongly supports and uses nothing

“Keep it fab and smokefree!” – strongly supports and uses cigarettes, chewing tobacco, marijuana, meth and cocaine

“Excellent smokefree day” – strongly supports and uses cigarettes and marijuana

“Helped regulate my asthma! :) You guys are awesome!!” – strongly supports and uses nothing

“My lungs don’t feel trapped. Love it” – strongly supports and uses nothing

“This is awesome” – strongly supports and uses cigarettes

“I appreciate clean air. Love this initiative!” – strongly supports and doesn’t use anything

“Thank you for choosing a healthy Alaska!” – strongly supports and recently quit

“I’m asthmatic. Thank you so much!” – strongly supports and uses nothing

“I have asthma so it helps greatly. Thank you.” – strongly supports and uses nothing

“I love all the support and without smoking, this event is more age inclusive!” – somewhat supports and uses marijuana

“Thank you” – neutral and uses marijuana

Talkeetna PrideFest

2019 was Talkeetna's third PrideFest and its first year being smokefree. ALA and the State of Alaska worked with event director Lillian Lennon who was very motivated to make her event smokefree after seeing it successfully implemented at the Anchorage PrideFest in years past. ALA had a booth at the event on Saturday, June 22 and evaluated attendees perceptions of the policy through a short survey. Out of 51 responses, 98% of respondents were supportive or neutral of the policy.

From 51 responses:

- 41 people (80%) strongly support the policy
 - 9 use only marijuana
 - 2 use marijuana, cigarettes, and e-cigarettes
 - 30 use nothing
- 4 people (8%) somewhat support the policy
 - 2 use only marijuana
 - 2 use nothing
- 5 people (10%) were neutral about the policy
 - 4 use only marijuana
 - 1 uses nothing
- 1 person (2%) somewhat disapprove of the policy
 - 1 uses only marijuana
- 0 people (0%) strongly disapprove of the policy

To Note: 18 stated they use marijuana (35%). 2 used tobacco and/or e-cigarettes (4%). 33 use nothing (65%).

Regional Data from Talkeetna PrideFest

37 from Alaska (73%)

- 4 from Talkeetna
 - 4 strongly support
- 5 from Trapper Creek
 - 5 strongly support
- 1 from Houston – strongly supports
- 1 from Palmer – strongly supports
- 1 from Big Lake – strongly supports
- 1 from Wasilla – neutral
- 1 from Fairbanks – strongly supports
- 1 from Juneau – strongly supports
- 5 from "Alaska"
 - 3 strongly support (60%)
 - 1 somewhat supports (20%)
 - 1 neutral (20%)
- 17 from Anchorage
 - 14 strongly support (82%)
 - 2 somewhat support (12%)
 - 1 neutral (6%)

14 from out of state (27% - CA, ME, AZ, UT, OR, TX, NC, SC, AR, ID, CO, MT, NM, Russia)

- 10 strongly support (72%)
- 1 somewhat supports (7%)
- 2 neutral (14%)

- 1 somewhat disapproves (7%)

Comments made at Talkeetna PrideFest:

“I’m glad you have resources for those wanting to quit!” – strongly supports and uses cigarettes and marijuana

“Hell yeah!” – strongly supports and uses cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and marijuana

“Inclusive of all lung health issues” – strongly supports and uses marijuana

“Thank you for hosting this event” – strongly supports and uses marijuana

“No one wants to smell that – Thank you for what you do!” – strongly supports and uses marijuana

“Fully support smokefree pridefest!” – strongly supports and uses marijuana

“So great!” – strongly supported and uses marijuana

“Less triggering and makes it more family friendly. Thanks for making Talkeetna Pride smoke free :)” – strongly supports and uses marijuana

“All for it, thanks!” – strongly supports and uses nothing

“Right on” – strongly supported and uses nothing

“I can breathe. I enjoyed myself” – strongly supports and uses nothing

“No secondhand smoke!” – strongly supports and uses nothing

“Felt safer for my kids!” – strongly supports and use nothing

“Not allowing cigarettes is great, much less litter that way :)” -neutral and uses marijuana

“I support healthy and inclusive environments. Maybe have a part of the park where it’s ok?” – neutral and uses marijuana