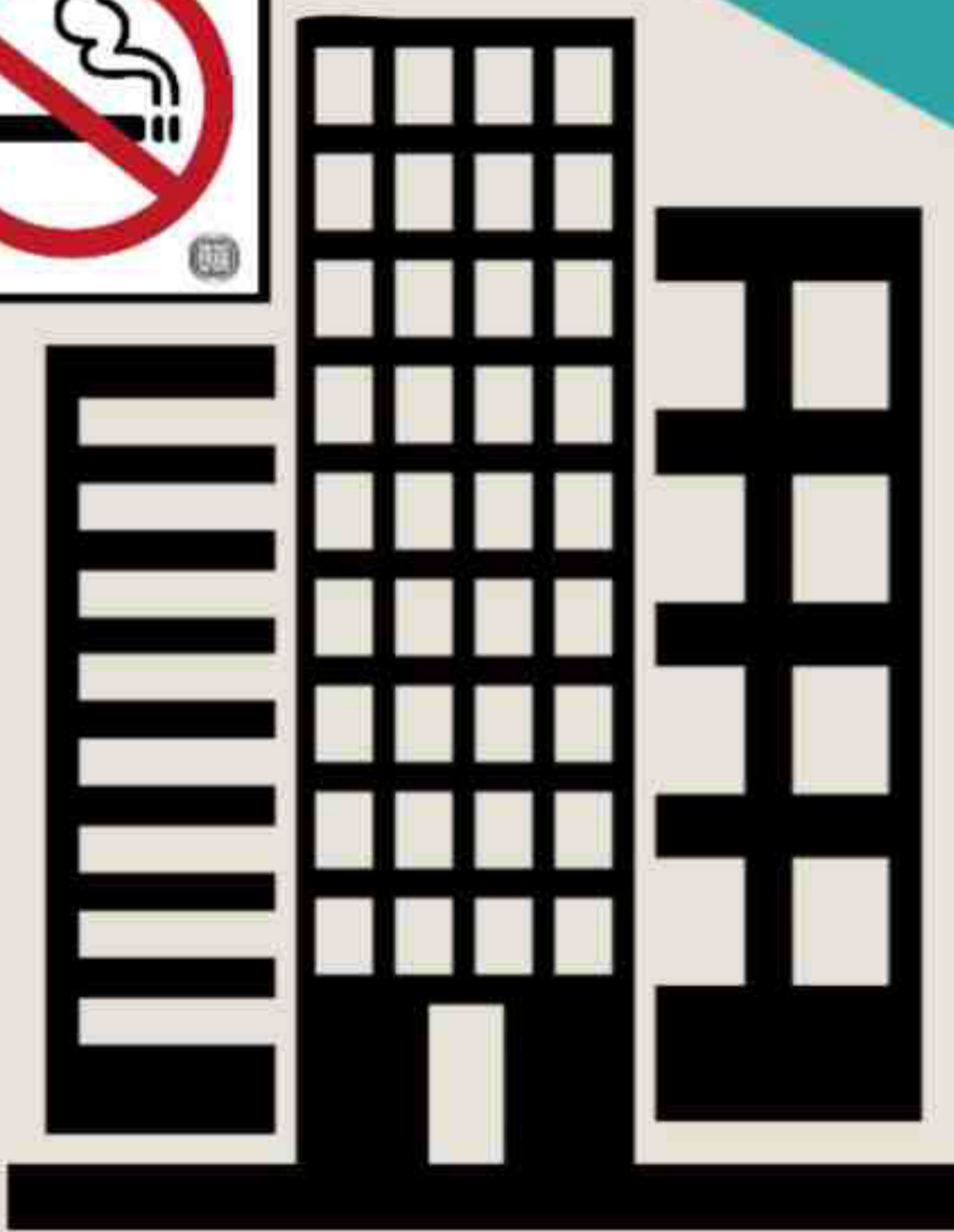


Public Support for Banning Smoking in Multi-Unit Dwellings

The Smoke-Free Ontario Act bans smoking in common areas of condos, apartments and post-secondary residence buildings such as lobbies, elevators, stairwells, covered parking garages and hallways.

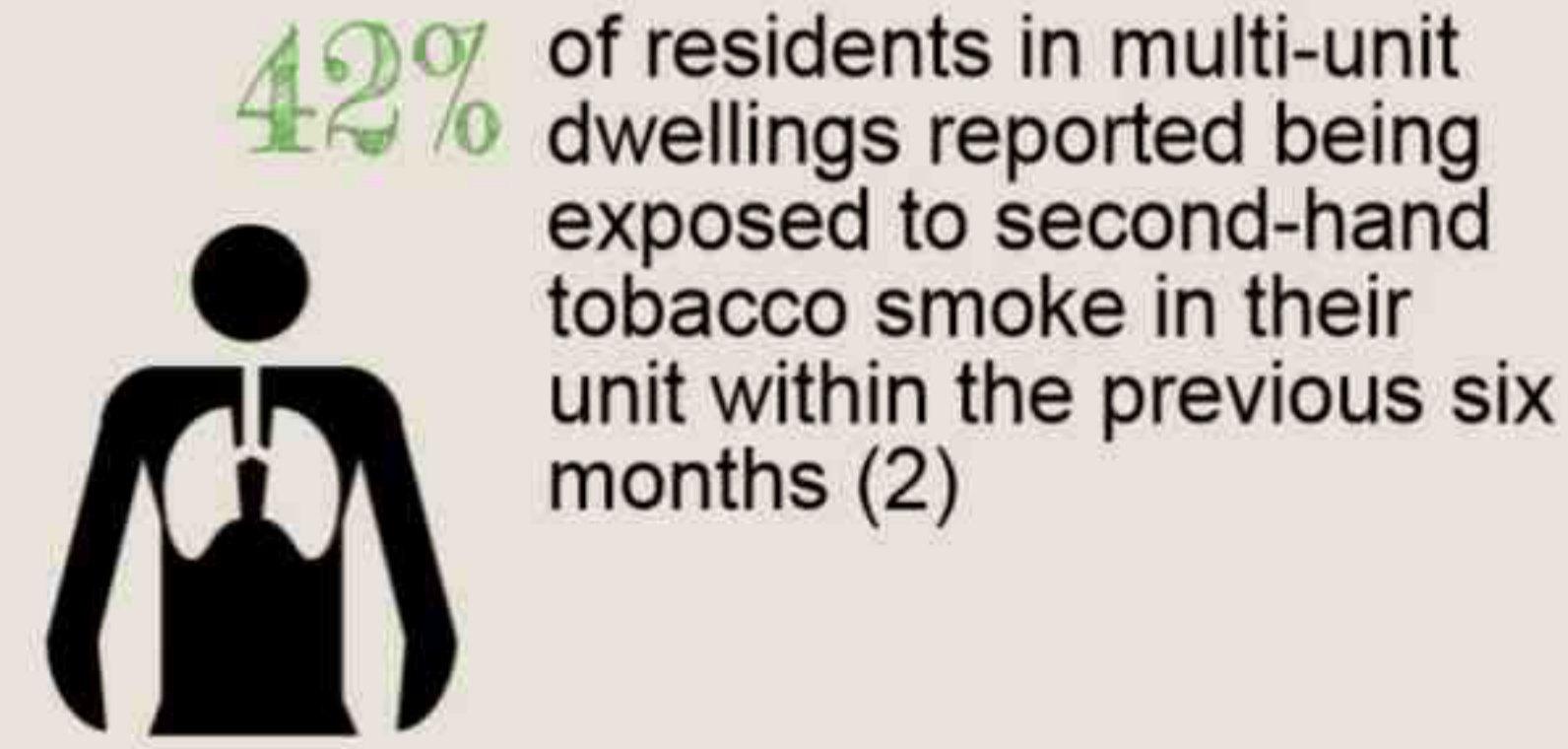
Yet, there are no laws in Middlesex-London that regulate smoking in a private, self-contained unit within a multi-unit complex.



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Overall Support for Smoking Ban in Multi-Unit Dwellings in Middlesex-London



of Middlesex-London adults aged 18 and over support a smoking ban inside multi-unit dwellings



of Middlesex-London adults aged 18 and over support a smoking ban inside & everywhere outside of multi-unit dwellings



of Middlesex-London adults aged 18 and over support a smoking ban inside & some outside places of multi-unit dwellings

Who is more likely to support a Ban?



69% of residents of detached homes in Middlesex-London support a ban on smoking everywhere inside multi-unit dwellings



60% of multi-unit dwelling residents in Middlesex-London support a ban on smoking everywhere inside multi-unit dwellings

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Exposure to Second and Third-Hand Smoke



Second-hand smoke can drift into multi-unit dwellings through open windows, balconies, porches, shared ventilation systems or through cracks and crevices between units (3)

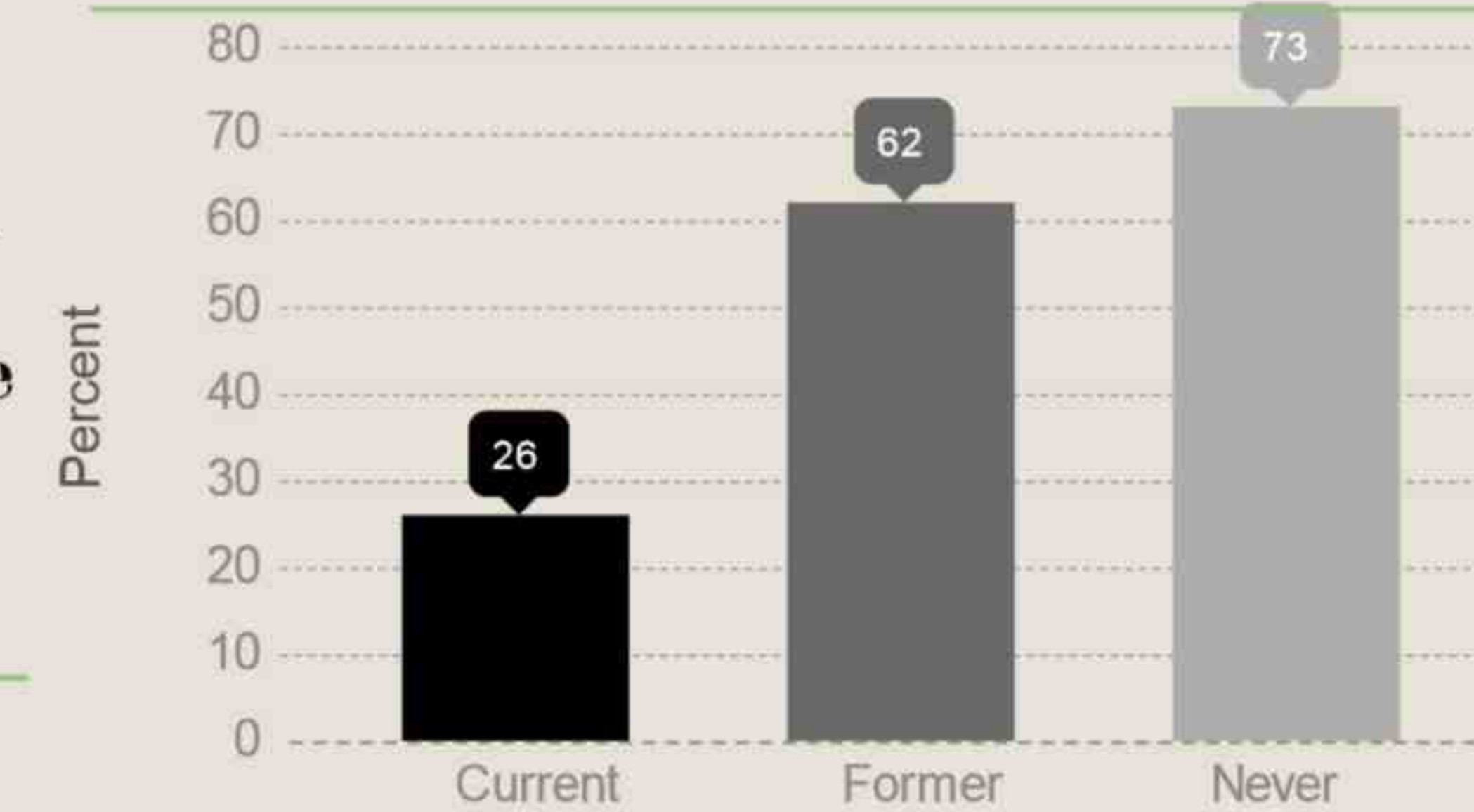


Third-hand smoke contains carcinogenic pollutants which can produce secondary toxins when interacting with the air (4)



Nearly three quarter (73%) of those currently living in multi-unit dwellings would prefer to live in smoke-free dwellings (2)

Support by Multi-Unit Dwelling Residents



Smoking Status

Multi-unit dwelling residents who were former and never smokers were significantly more likely to support the ban on smoking everywhere in multi-unit dwellings than current smokers

For more Information:



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