

## Dec 2019: Second T21 letter & signage sent to all retailers

December 27, 2019

Dear Tobacco Retailer:

As of **November 27, 2019** the City of Saint Paul prohibits the sale of all tobacco products to anyone under the age of 21 years.

To help you enforce this ordinance we are enclosing stickers to post in your store to alert customers to the new age requirements. If you would like additional stickers, please contact [signorders@ansrmn.org](mailto:signorders@ansrmn.org) or Saint Paul Department of Safety and Inspections at 651-266-8989.

Tobacco retailers should always check the ID of customers and train their employees on the legal requirements for the sale of tobacco. Penalties for violating Saint Paul's ordinance include fines and possible revocation of your tobacco license.

A FREE comprehensive online training for tobacco retailers and their employees is available at [www.stopsalestominors.org](http://www.stopsalestominors.org)

Here are other reminders about the sale of tobacco in Saint Paul:

- Flavored tobacco products including blunt wraps, cigars, chewing tobacco, e-juice and e-cigarettes may only be sold in adult-only tobacco product shops;
- There is a minimum price for non-premium cigars. They must be sold for at least \$2.60 for one, \$5.20 for two, \$7.80 for three and a pack of four or more for a minimum of \$10.40. Coupons may be redeemed but the consumer price still must be the prices listed above;
- You must keep all tobacco products behind the counter or in a locked cabinet unless people under the age of 21 years are prohibited from entering the store at all times;
- It is illegal to sell cigarettes in packages of fewer than 20 cigarettes and no cigarettes can be sold outside of a wrapped package (loosies);
- Smoking is not permitted and no person may smoke within the indoor area of any retail establishment or any licensed retail tobacco shop. Smoking for the purposes of sampling is prohibited.

To obtain a copy of the full tobacco ordinance contact the Saint Paul Department of Safety and Inspections at 651-266-8989.

Sincerely,

Katie H. Engman, MCHES  
Program Director

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## March 2021: Postcard COVID and checking ID's was mailed to all St. Paul retailers

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Dec 16, 2021

Retailer Name  
Address  
City, MN, ZIP

Dear Cigarette/Tobacco Licensee:

The Saint Paul City Council amended Chapter 324 of the tobacco licensing ordinance effective December 11, 2021.

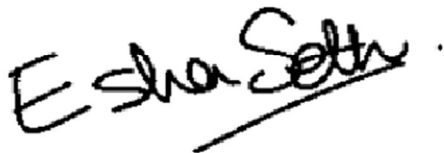
One major change is:

1. Prohibiting the accepting and redemption of coupons, price promotions, multi-pack discounts, such as "buy-one-get one" or other price-reducing mechanisms.

Enclosed you will find signage to help you communicate this new law to your valued customers. If you wish to receive additional free signage, orders can be placed by emailing: [signorders@ansrmn.org](mailto:signorders@ansrmn.org)

If you have additional questions about the ordinance, contact the City of St. Paul Department of Safety and Inspections, Joseph Voyda at 651-266-9014.

Thank you,



Esha Seth, MPH  
Program Director  
Association for Nonsmokers- MN

# WE DO NOT ACCEPT COUPONS OR DISCOUNTS FOR ANY TOBACCO OR VAPE PRODUCTS



Ordinance 324 prohibits price discounts and the redemption of coupons for any tobacco or vape products in the City of Saint Paul.

12/2021



## City of Saint Paul

### Signature Copy

Ordinance: Ord 21-29

City Hall and Court  
House  
15 West Kellogg  
Boulevard  
Phone: 651-266-8560

File Number: Ord 21-29

Amending Chapter 324 of the Legislative Code in order to create separate licenses for Tobacco Products Shops and Tobacco Shops, to restrict pricing discounts or coupons, and to create a distance requirement between establishments licensed to sell tobacco.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL DOES ORDAIN:

#### SECTION 1

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Zoning Code has a separate use identified as a "Tobacco Products Shop", St. Paul Leg. Code § 65.535; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 324 regulates tobacco licenses in general, but does not distinguish between or define a Tobacco Products Shop and a Tobacco Shop; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to distinguish between a retail store that is accessible to minors and can sell limited products (Tobacco Shop) and a retail store that can only be entered by persons who are age 21 or over that can sell additional types of products (Tobacco Products Shop); and

WHEREAS, a clearer definition will allow the City to more easily enforce existing regulations; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute § 609.685 regulates the sale of tobacco to persons under 21 imposing administrative, petty misdemeanor, and misdemeanor penalties and it is not necessary for a separate ordinance penalty; and

WHEREAS, price is the single most important factor in reducing smoking; and

WHEREAS, tobacco is a leading cause of premature, preventable death in Minnesota and high prices are the single most effective way of preventing youth from starting to smoke and encouraging adults to quit; and

WHEREAS, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and cigars contain nicotine, which is highly addictive; and