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**DATE:** November 13, 2018

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
Dave Perrault, City Administrator

**FROM:** Julie Hanson, City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing – Public Comment, Tobacco Ordinance

Budgeted Amount:	Actual Amount:	Funding Source:
\$	\$	\$

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**Council Should Consider**

Accepting further public comment regarding increasing the tobacco sales age to 21 and/or regulating the sale of flavored and/or menthol tobacco.

**Background/Discussion**

At its work sessions in August and October, the Council discussed possibly amending City Code pertaining to increasing the tobacco sales age to 21 and/or regulating the sale of flavored and/or menthol tobacco in the city. Kristen Ackert from the Association for Non-Smokers MN was in attendance at the August work session and the Council accepted public comment from tobacco vendors that were in attendance at the October work session.

The Council made the decision to receive further public comment at the November 13 public hearing before making a final decision regarding any potential ordinance amendment. The Council could meet at a future work session should it wish to move forward with any ordinance amendment.

The following provides an update as to where many other cities are currently at (**red** denotes nearby city):

**Cities that regulate sales of flavored tobacco products:**

- **Falcon Heights** (including menthol, mint and wintergreen) \*Went into effect 7/1/18
- **Lauderdale** (including menthol, mint and wintergreen) \*Goes into effect 2/1/19
- Mendota Heights (not menthol, mint, wintergreen) \*Voting on T21/updating flavor ordinance to include these flavors on 11/20/18)
- Minneapolis (including menthol, mint and wintergreen) \*Went into effect on 8/1/18
- Robbinsdale (not menthol, mint and wintergreen) \* Went into effect 4/1/18 – they are holding a meeting in mid-November to discuss adding menthol, mint and wintergreen restrictions
- **Shoreview** (not menthol, mint and wintergreen)
- St. Louis Park (not menthol, mint and wintergreen)
- St. Paul (including menthol, mint and wintergreen) \*Went into effect 11/1/18

Cities that **have raised the minimum legal age to purchase tobacco to 21:**

- Bloomington
- Edina
- Excelsior
- **Falcon Heights**
- Hermantown
- **Lauderdale** \*Goes into effect 2/1/19
- Minneapolis
- Minnetonka
- North Mankato
- Plymouth
- Richfield
- **Roseville**
- **Shoreview**
- St. Louis Park
- St. Peter

Cities that **are considering raising the minimum legal age to purchase tobacco to 21:**

- Brooklyn Center
- Brooklyn Park
- Duluth
- Eden Prairie \*Public hearing on 11/13/18
- Excelsior \*Approved in October
- Maplewood
- **Mounds View**
- **New Brighton**

Cities where **the minimum legal age to purchase tobacco is 18 and there is no regulation of flavored tobacco:**

- Fridley
- Lino Lakes
- **Little Canada**
- Oakdale
- St. Anthony Village
- **Vadnais Heights**
- White Bear Lake
- Woodbury

**Attachments**

None