

Tobacco Retail Licensing Ordinance Changes Monterey County Unincorporated Areas

Effective April 15, 2022

WHY ARE WE CHANGING THE ORDINANCE?

Flavored tobacco products mask the harshness and appeal to youth and young smokers. Single use electronic cigarettes contain small batteries that are harmful to the environment.

WHAT IS NO LONGER ALLOWED:

Tobacco retailers are not allowed to sell flavored tobacco products and single use electronic cigarettes.



WHAT IS A FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCT?

Tobacco products that include a taste or smell relating to a flavor including but not limited to; fruit, menthol, mint, wintergreen, chocolate, honey, candy, alcoholic beverage, herb or spice, and include made-up flavors such as Hawaiian punch, and bubble gum.



WHAT IS A SINGLE USE ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES?

Electronic cigarettes that deliver nicotine in an aerosol or vapor and include; single use electronic cigarette, cigar, pipe, hookah, and vape pens. These devices are closed systems and cannot be refilled.



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