

# Information for Retailers:

selling tobacco and vape products in Clatsop County



For this ordinance, tobacco products are defined as any device that can be used to deliver tobacco products to a person using the device, including, but not limited to: bidis, cigarette, cigars, little cigars, pipe tobacco, shisha, snuff, chewing tobacco; electronic cigarettes or any inhalant delivery system containing or delivering nicotine; vape juice, e-liquid or any liquid solution that does or does not contain nicotine that is intended for human consumption.

**Only sell tobacco products to people who are 21 years of age or older. Make sure you ask customers who look younger than 30 years of age for ID's and check birth dates carefully**

## About your Tobacco Retail License

All locations selling tobacco products must have a valid annual Tobacco Retail License issued by the Clatsop County Health Department, Environmental Health Services, Tobacco Control and Prevention Program. The cost of the license is \$350. Submit your application and payment to Clatsop County Environmental Health Services to obtain your license.

Clatsop County will provide a paper license that must be displayed at your location, easily visible to customers.

All locations must display required signage (provided with license) under Oregon State law that states it is illegal to sell tobacco or inhalant delivery systems to persons under 21 years of age.

## Point of Sale

Keep all tobacco products behind the counter in an area accessible only to employees/owners or in a locked case.

Selling tobacco products in vending machines is only allowed in facilities that prohibit persons under 21 years old age.

## Packaging

Tobacco Products as defined above must be sold in original packaging with health warnings. Cigarettes must be sold in packages of 20. Tobacco products cannot be opened to be sold as single units, such as single cigarettes (aka "loosies") or snus pouches.

Inhalant delivery systems must be packaged and labeled according to law.

## Coupon and Discounts

Accepting or redeeming any coupons, including digital coupons and coupons in apps, that provide any tobacco product, tobacco paraphernalia, or inhalant delivery system for less than the listed or non-discounted price is prohibited.

Any discounting of tobacco products, paraphernalia, or inhalant delivery systems that provide products for less than the listed price is prohibited; including through any multi-pack discounts, such as buy-two-get-one-free discount or a cents- or dollars-off discount.

## Promotions

It is illegal to sell any flavored cigarettes except menthol. It is also illegal to sell cigarettes labeled "light," "low tar," or "mild."

It is illegal to offer gifts or other items when purchasing a tobacco products

Samples of tobacco products are illegal

## Working with Clatsop County

Tobacco retailers must permit access for Clatsop County inspectors to perform annual inspections and investigations

A tobacco retail license is nontransferable. If you should move your business within Clatsop County, you must obtain a new license prior to selling tobacco products at the new location. If a licensed business is sold or transferred, the new owner must obtain a new license for that location before selling tobacco products.

**Thank you!**

**If you have any further questions please contact us at:**

**503-325-9302 or [health@co.clatsop.or.us](mailto:health@co.clatsop.or.us)**