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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 10, 2025

L.1. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN EXTENSION OF THE URGENCY INTERIM ORDINANCE THAT IMPOSED A MORATORIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMOKE SHOPS IN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH

ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY A 10-MONTH AND 15-DAY EXTENSION OF URGENCY INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 3294-25 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON DEVELOPMENT OF SMOKE SHOPS IN THE CITY AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF AND FINDING THE EXTENSION IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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Attached are the following documents:

- Input received from the Youth Commission at it's June 5, 2025 regular meeting.

At the Youth Commission's regular meeting on June 5, 2025, the Substance Abuse Subcommittee presented a recommended statement regarding the City's moratorium on smoke shops. Following deliberations, the Youth Commission unanimously approved the following statement to be shared with the City Council:

"We, the Redondo Beach Youth Commission, support the continuation of a moratorium on smoke shops in Redondo Beach as tobacco use is the number one preventable cause of disease and death in the United States. We recognize that there are numerous tobacco retailers in our community and that many are selling products that target youth and young people with flavored tobacco and illegal products that can lead to substance abuse and addiction. We reflect the future of a healthy beach community and deserve the opportunity to thrive without the proliferation of tobacco retailers. The density of tobacco retailers on Artesia Blvd is a concern as it connects many of our schools, neighborhoods, parks, playgrounds, the teen center, and more, as shown by the California Tobacco Health Assessment Tool. We advise the City Council to continue the moratorium on smoke shops and support the ordinance language requiring a 1,000-foot buffer zone between tobacco retailers and a 600-foot buffer from tobacco retailers and youth-oriented places. Additional steps can be taken to mirror our neighboring Beach Cities, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach, enacting language that addresses tobacco-free pharmacies and minimum cigar pack size as an evidence-based step to protect youth from substance abuse. Thank you for your consideration."

Additionally, the Youth Commission desired to share with the City Council that it was concerned with the idea that many smoke shop retailers are selling illegal products, so regulation of some sort should be considered.

The Youth Commission requested staff to present a formal item regarding this topic to next year's commission so that it can provide more direct feedback and a better-informed recommendation on the topic. Staff will align this subsequent discussion with the City Council's future deliberation.