

PUBLIC HEARING FOR INTRODUCTION AND FIRST
READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH,
CALIFORNIA, PERTAINING TO THE ZONING,
REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF SMOKE
SHOPS AND TOBACCO SALES

Background

- April 15, 2025, the City Council reviewed and provided policy direction on a draft
- July 17, 2025, the Planning Commission reviewed the draft and adopted a Resolution
- August 19, 2025, the City Council reviewed and provided additional direction
- October 21, 2025, Council provided further revisions and asked staff to return with a final version of the Shop Ordinance for consideration of introduction and first reading on November 18, 2025

Ordinance Highlights

- Creates definition for smoke shops and tobacco retailers
- Includes general regulations for these types of businesses
- Requires a CUP for smoke shop
- Limits the total number to five (5) city wide
- Makes violations of the Ordinance classify as infractions to assist with enforcement efforts

Outstanding Items

Evaluate whether the City can prohibit minors from entering smoke shops and tobacco retail businesses.

- Minors are not prohibited under State Law
- Concern with City's ability to enforce provisions; and
- Practicality of the store operator being able to comply and being penalized for it

Outstanding Items (continued)

Evaluate whether the City should prohibit the sale of non-tobacco products

- Considered whether smoke shops and tobacco retailers should be prohibited from selling non-tobacco items such as snack food and beverages
- Staff concerns with the City's ability to continuously monitor and enforce this provision
- May take resources and focus away from the enforcement of other more serious code violations

Outstanding Items (continued)

Ensure that the sale of synthetic flavored tobacco products is adequately addressed.

- The Ordinance prohibits the sale of flavored tobacco products in addition to other illegal substances
- Definitions section has been modified to clarify the prohibition of flavored tobacco products (further modified under Blue Folder)

Blue Folder Modifications

“Flavored tobacco product” shall mean any tobacco product that contains a constituent that imparts a characterizing flavor. “Flavored tobacco product” includes any tobacco product, other than looseleaf tobacco, a premium cigar, or a shisha tobacco product, that is not listed on the Unflavored Tobacco List established and maintained by the Attorney General pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 104559.1.

Blue Folder Modifications

“Tobacco product” shall mean (1) any product containing, made or derived from tobacco or nicotine, which is intended for human consumption of the tobacco or nicotine, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, or snuff; (2) an electronic device that delivers nicotine or other vaporized liquids to the person inhaling from the device, including an electronic cigarette, cigar, pipe, or hookah; (3) any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product, whether or not sold separately. For the purposes of this chapter, the term “tobacco product” does not include: (i) a nicotine replacement product approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, or (ii) cannabis or a cannabis product, as those terms are defined in Section 26001 of the Business and Professions Code. Cannabis or a cannabis product that includes an ingredient, substance, chemical, or compound that contains or is made or derived from tobacco or nicotine is a “tobacco product” under this section.

Recommendation

PROCEDURES:

1. Open the public hearing and take testimony;
2. Close the public hearing, deliberate; and
3. Introduce the following ordinance by title only with Blue Folder Mods.

INTRODUCE BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3310-25, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1, TO ADD SECTION 10-2.402(A)(167.5); AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 10-5.402(A); AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 4, TO ADD SECTION 10-2.1641; AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 4, TO ADD SECTION 10- 5.1639; AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 4, SECTION 10-2.1626(B); AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 4, SECTION 10-5.1626(B); AMENDING TITLE 1, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 1-2.03; AMENDING TITLE 5, CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 5-9.204(A)(4) PERTAINING TO THE ZONING, REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF SMOKE SHOPS AND TOBACCO SALES