

# SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO'S FLAVORED TOBACCO AND E-CIGARETTE SALES BAN WILL GO INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2020!

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## What is the Flavored Tobacco and E-Cigarette Sales Ban?

Pursuant to Chapter 6.47 of the Municipal Code, the ban prohibits Retail Tobacco Permit Holders from selling any flavored tobacco product, including but not limited to smokeless/chew, cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, vape liquid and hookah tobacco, that is manufactured to have an aroma and/or flavor, such as fruit, sweet, candy, alcohol, mint, spice or menthol.

It also prohibits the sale of e-cigarette or vape devices that deliver nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic pipe, electronic hookah, or vapor pen.

## When is the ban effective and how can I prepare now?

This ban is effective January 1, 2020. Discontinue ordering and restocking flavored tobacco products and e-cigarette devices now to prevent losing your investment once the rules and regulations are ready to implement.

## Will the City help retailers implement the new law?

Yes. Education and outreach efforts are ongoing. Compliance checks will begin in January 2020, where a notice of correction will be issued if flavored tobacco products are observed.

## When will the City enforce the new law?

Enforcement will begin on the effective date of January 1, 2020. Avoid permit suspensions and civil penalties by discontinuing sales of flavored tobacco products and electronic cigarettes or vape devices now.

## How can I stay informed?

Throughout this process, stay informed by visiting our website, <https://www.ssf.net/flavoredtobacco>. Read the mailings from the City and pay attention to the website for posting of FAQs. You may also email questions to [flavoredtobacco@ssf.net](mailto:flavoredtobacco@ssf.net).

## How do I report a violation?

Please contact code enforcement at (650) 829-6682 and [web-pw@ssf.net](mailto:web-pw@ssf.net).

## Examples of tobacco products now banned from sale in South San Francisco:



"Menthol" has a distinguishable taste and aroma.



Sold individually and in packs; those that are flavored are banned.



"Lemonade" is a fruit flavored beverage; "Raspberry," "Blueberry," "Orange," "Grape," "Cherry" and "Strawberry" are fruit flavors.



"Cherry," "Nectar," "Melon," "Apple," "Raspberry," "Strawberry," "Berry" and "Fruit Medley" are fruit flavors; "Crème Brulee" and "Vanilla" are candy flavors; "Mint" and "Menthol" have distinguishable tastes and aromas; "Hawaiian Pod" has an image indicating it contains a flavor other than tobacco.



"Sour Apple" is a fruit flavor; "Mint" has a distinguishable taste and aroma.



"Strawberry," "White Grape," "Grape," "Peach" and "Blueberry" are fruit flavors.



"Berry" is a fruit flavor; mint has a distinguishable taste and aroma.