

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-43**

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**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY-WIDE TOBACCO  
RETAIL LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, tobacco use remains the most preventable cause of illness and death in America and Clackamas County; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 90% of adult tobacco smokers started smoking before age 18, more than three quarters start before age 20. Adolescents who start smoking before their 19th birthday have on average a 20% higher risk of dying from smoking-related illness; and

**WHEREAS**, one in three youth said it would be “very easy” to get tobacco according to the Oregon Healthy Teen Survey and youth living in areas with the highest density of retail tobacco outlets are more likely to have smoked cigarettes in the last month; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon increased the tobacco and nicotine product possession age to 21 but did not pass a state-wide tobacco retail license, the necessary mechanism to enforce the new legal sales age; and

**WHEREAS**, a county-wide licensing system for tobacco retailers is appropriate to enforce tobacco control laws to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our residents; and

**WHEREAS**, research demonstrates that local tobacco retail ordinances reduce youth access to cigarettes. A review of 33 California communities with strong tobacco retailer licensing ordinances shows that the youth sales rate declined in 31 of these communities after the ordinances were enacted, with an average decrease of 26 percent in the youth sales rate; and

**WHEREAS**, a requirement for a tobacco retailer license will not unduly burden businesses who sell or distribute tobacco or nicotine products.

**NOW, THEREFORE, OREGON CITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1:** The City Commission supports the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners as the Board of Health to adopt a tobacco retail license requiring all businesses located in the County to obtain an annual license to sell tobacco and other nicotine products, including electronic cigarettes.

Approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.

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DAN HOLLADAY, Mayor

Attested to this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018:

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

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Kattie Riggs, City Recorder

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City Attorney