

City of Independence



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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January 11, 2016

Dear Local Business Owner/Manager,

On December 21, 2015, the Independence City Council voted to raise the minimum legal sales age for tobacco, alternative nicotine products, and vapor products to 21 years old. This ordinance will go into effect on March 1, 2016.

As a result, it is in violation of City Code 11.03 for tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products to be sold to any person under the age of 21. Four warning signs concerning the sale of products shall be plainly visible at every display from which such products are sold as set forth in City Code 11.03. The retailer sign should indicate "It is a violation of the law for cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products to be sold to any person under 21." Included with this letter is a sample sign and age calculators to be posted. More signs can be printed by visiting the City's website at www.independencemo.org/health.

For more information regarding the law or public and retailer education, contact the Independence Health Department at (816) 325-7185.

Thank you for your efforts in preventing the sale of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and vapor products, and protecting the health of Independence's youth and young adults.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew Warlen".

Andrew Warlen, MPH
Health Director