

HENNEPIN COUNTY

MINNESOTA

Notice of Public Hearing Hennepin County

Hennepin County has established a public hearing on Tuesday, June 11, 2018 at 1:30 p.m., during the Health and Human Services Committee meeting of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners in the Board Room (A-2400) of the Hennepin County Government Center, 300 Sixth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55487.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive comment on proposed revisions to Ordinance 21 regarding licensing for tobacco retail sales.

The proposed changes to Ordinance 21 include:

- Raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products from 18 to 21 years old;
- Requiring individuals employed by a tobacco retailer to be at least 18 years old to sell licensed tobacco products;
- Restricting the sale of flavored tobacco products, including menthol, mint and wintergreen, to adult-only tobacco stores (those that derive more than 90% of revenue from tobacco sales and restrict people under age 21 from entering); and
- Prohibiting the sale of cigars that cost less than \$3.00 each.

The ordinance changes would affect the communities where Hennepin County is the tobacco retailer licensing authority – Greenfield, Mound, Rockford (Hennepin County portion), Rogers, St. Bonifacius, and the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport.

A printable, final draft of the revised ordinance will be posted no later than May 14, 2019 for the public to review at <https://www.hennepin.us/proposed-ordinance-21>.

If you are unable to print or access the online version and would like a printed copy of the proposed revisions, please call 612-543-5200.

Written comments will be accepted by mail or email (Epi-Envhlth@hennepin.us) through June 10, 2019.

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