

**NOTICE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION BY
THE SANTA MARIA CITY COUNCIL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under provisions of Government Code Section 36933, Ordinance No. 2019-11 was introduced by the City Council of the City of Santa Maria at its regular meeting held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019. The following is a summary of said Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING TITLE 13 (TOBACCO RETAILERS) TO CHAPTER 6 (PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE) TO INSTITUTE THE LICENSURE OF TOBACCO RETAILERS, AND PROHIBIT THE SALE OF FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

The proposed Ordinance will: 1) require each business in the City that intends to sell tobacco-related products to register for a tobacco retailer's license for each location that desires to sell tobacco, and pay a fee yet to be determined; 2) require that a licensed tobacco retailer check the identification of any customer who looks under the age of 21, and comply with all federal and state tobacco regulations; 3) be enforceable by the Police Department, City Rangers, and the Code Enforcement Division; 4) prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products (including menthol, mint, and wintergreen) in order to ensure compliance with the business standards and practices of the City, encourage responsible tobacco retailing, and discourage violations of tobacco-related laws which prohibit or discourage the sale or distribution of tobacco and nicotine products to youth; 5) place pricing standards and packaging requirements on cigarettes, cigars, and cigarillos; 6) set penalties for violations of the Code; 7) provide that enforcement of violations may be treated as a public nuisance which the City may abate; and 8) make the Ordinance effective July 1, 2020, to allow for outreach and education prior to enforcement.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will consider adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-11 at its regular meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. Pursuant to Government Code Section 36933 after adoption, Ordinance No. 2019-11 shall be published in summary only. A certified copy of the full text of this Ordinance will be posted in the office of the City Clerk at 110 East Cook Street and will be on file there as a public record.

Dated: November 20, 2019

/s/ RHONDA M. WHITE, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

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