

MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Human Services and Community Safety Council Committee
DATE: Aug. 18, 2022

SUBJECT: Recommendation to COW for consideration of ordinance regulating the use of tobacco products and prohibiting the sale of flavored vape products

Introduction

At meetings of the Human Services and Community Safety (HSCS) Committee held in February, May and June of this year, Councilmembers Garlid and Navarro heard presentations from city staff, as well as comments from stakeholders and members of the public, about a proposed ordinance that would add a new section to the city code to create a requirement for a new tobacco seller license and prohibit the sale of flavored vape products. Additionally, the proposed measure would amend an existing ordinance to define the legal age of purchase for tobacco products at age 21.

Recommendation

At a meeting of the HSCS Committee on June 24, 2022, Councilmembers Garlid and Navarro voted to recommend that the full Council begin its process of consideration and potential adoption of this ordinance.

Next Steps

In accordance with the Tempe Involving the Public (TIP) manual, a meeting of key internal stakeholders is scheduled to discuss the implementation of a Public Engagement Plan to maximize input from health advocates, parents, business owners, and other members of the community. It is anticipated that a proposed ordinance could be ready for the Council's review at a Work Study Session and then Council action by the end of the year.