



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 20-1167, **Agenda Item #:** 34.

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### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance amending Chapters 10-4 and 10-11 of City Code relating to the lawful age for the sale or delivery of cigarettes, tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices in compliance with Senate Bill 21 of the 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

During the 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, Senate Bill 21 (SB21) was passed and signed by the Governor, which necessitates amendments to Chapters 10-4 and 10-11 of the City Code. The needed Code amendments are summarized below and detailed in the attached draft ordinance.

SB21 amends current state law related to the lawful age for the sale or delivery of cigarettes, tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices by increasing the lawful age from 18 to 21 years of age. An exception was made for members of the US or State Military Forces, for whom the legal age to purchase tobacco remains 18 years of age, as well as individuals born on or before August 31, 2001.