

CITY OF RICHMOND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Richmond has scheduled a public hearing for **May 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** in accordance with Government Code Section 65858 to consider extending an urgency ordinance to impose a 10-month and 15-day extension to the 45-day moratorium on all new tobacco retailers with the City of Richmond; and declared an urgency thereof.

As such, any new tobacco retailer shall be prohibited in all zoning districts and lands within the City of Richmond. No application for any permit, license, or land use entitlement shall be granted or approved for any new tobacco retailer in any zoning districts or lands within the City of Richmond. The ordinance allows any person who lawfully holds an existing permit, license, and/or land use entitlement for an existing and lawfully operating smoke shop and/or tobacco retailer in the City of Richmond as of the effective date of Ordinance No. 03-24 may continue to lawfully operate under that existing permit, license, and/or entitlement, and may apply for the renewal of any such existing permit, license, and/or entitlement, which renewal may be approved or denied by the City under the standards governing such permit, license, and/or entitlement under existing law. This ordinance is intended to preserve the status quo, and it will not cause a direct physical change in the environment, nor a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The enactment of this ordinance, therefore, does not constitute the approval of a project under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), and it is exempt from CEQA. (Pub. Res. Code § 21065, CEQA Guidelines §§ 15060(c),(2)(3); 15061(b)(3); 15064(d)(3); 15378(a).)

All interested persons are invited to give public comment by mail, eComment, email, and/or Zoom video conference or in-person in the manner that follows, provided that no member of the public may submit more than one verbal comment per agenda item:

In-Person: Interested persons having objections to or wishing to speak in support of this matter may appear and be heard before the City Council in the Council Chamber at 440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, California.

Via mail: received by 1:00 p.m. the day of the meeting, sent to 450 Civic Center Plaza, 3rd Floor, Office of the Clerk, Richmond, CA 94804.

Via eComments: eComments are available once an agenda is published. Locate the meeting in "upcoming meetings" and click the comment bubble icon. Click on the item you wish to comment on. Email your comment to cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us should you have difficulty submitting an eComment during a meeting.

Via email: to cityclerkdept@ci.richmond.ca.us by 1:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Email **MUST** contain in the subject line, "Public Comments – Agenda Item #". All such email with correctly labeled subject lines will be posted on-line and emailed to the City Council before the meeting is called to order. Email received after 1:00 p.m. will be posted on-line following the meeting as part of the supplemental materials attached to the meeting minutes.

Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/99312205643?pwd=MDdqNnRmS2k4ZkRTOWhIUIdQOUF1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 99312205643

Passcode: ccmeeting

Or iPhone one-tap: US: +16699006833, 99312205643# or +13462487799, 99312205643#

Or Telephone: Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

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Copies of the proposed ordinance and staff report will be available for review on Friday, May 17, 2024, at <https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/4662/Tobacco-Retailers-License> and at Planning Division, 450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804. Further information may be obtained from Eva Mann, Code Enforcement Manager, e-mail: Eva_Mann@ci.richmond.ca.us

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that if you challenge the adoption of the ordinance in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at public hearings before the City or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.

By Order of the Richmond City Council:

Pamela Christian
City Clerk

Dated: May 8, 2024

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AVISO: Para obtener ayuda interpretativa con esta noticia, por favor llame a la oficina de la Secretaria Municipal, al (510) 620-6513.