

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION No. 72-2018**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, IN SUPPORT OF A COUNTYWIDE TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSE (TRL).**

**WHEREAS,** Tobacco use remains the most preventable cause of illness and death in America and Clackamas County; and

**WHEREAS,** nearly 90% of adult tobacco smokers started smoking before age 18, with more than three quarters starting before age 20, and adolescents who start smoking before their 19th birthday are more likely to die from smoking-related illness; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the Oregon Healthy Teen Survey, one in three youth said it would be "very easy" to get tobacco and youth living in areas with the highest density of retail tobacco outlets are more likely to have smoked cigarettes in the last month; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of Oregon increased the tobacco and nicotine product possession age to 21 but did not pass a state-wide tobacco retail license, the necessary mechanism to enforce the new legal sales age; and

**WHEREAS,** a county licensing system for tobacco retailers is appropriate to enforce tobacco control laws to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our residents; and


**WHEREAS,** research demonstrates that local tobacco retail ordinances reduce youth access to cigarettes, and a review of 33 California communities with strong tobacco retailer licensing ordinances showed that youth sales of tobacco declined in 31 of these communities after the ordinances were enacted; and

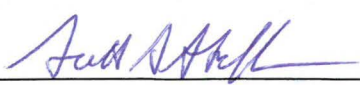
**WHEREAS,** a requirement for a tobacco retailer license will not unduly burden businesses who sell or distribute tobacco or nicotine products.

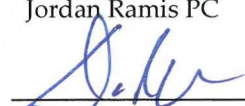
**NOW THEREFORE,** the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, does hereby support the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, as the Board of Health, plans to adopt a tobacco retail license that requires all businesses in the county to obtain an annual license to sell tobacco and other nicotine products, including electronic cigarettes.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on **August 21, 2018.**

This resolution is effective immediately.

  
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Mark Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

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City Attorney