

# **Public Notice**

## **Aitkin County Ordinance Regulating the Sale, Procurement, and Possession of Tobacco and Related Devices**

**WHEREAS**, Under Minn. Stat. § 461.19, a county is required to give retailers notice that it is considering adopting or substantially amending a retail tobacco licensing ordinance. The county must take reasonable steps to send notice by mail at least 30 days prior to the meeting, to the last known address of each licensee or person required to hold a license.

**WHEREAS**, Under Minn. Stat. 375.51, Sub 2, no county ordinance shall be enacted unless a notice of the intention to enact it has been published in the official newspaper of the county not less than ten days before the meeting or public hearing. The notice shall state the subject matter and the general purpose of the proposed ordinance

**WHEREAS**, Minn. Stat. § 13D.01, states that meetings must be open to the public.

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing provides a meaningful opportunity for local officials to receive public input on an issue. A public hearing is not required to adopt a tobacco retail-licensing ordinance unless specifically required by a charter.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners hereby sets a public hearing for **August 13, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.** at the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Meeting to be held in the Government Center Board Meeting Room for the following proposed changes to the Ordinance Regulating the Sale, Procurement, and Possession of Tobacco and Related Devices in Aitkin County.

Proposed ordinance revision:

- Removal of Section 5, subsection A (9): Prohibiting the sale of any flavored product.

All other provisions adopted on June 11<sup>th</sup> will remain unchanged.

Written comments can be sent to Erin Melz at [erin.melz@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:erin.melz@co.aitkin.mn.us) A copy of the proposed ordinance is available at the Aitkin County Auditor's office.