



WHAT BUSINESSES NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SALE & USE OF TOBACCO IN SUMMIT COUNTY UNINCORPORATED

SALE OF TOBACCO

Inspections will occur at least 2x annually without notice. Use the following information to understand what inspectors will look for and to help avoid violations. Links to local, state and federal laws related to tobacco sales are listed.

ORDINANCE NO. 19

Did you know that Summit County Unincorporated has a tobacco retail licensing ordinance? Ordinance No. 19 regulates the sale of tobacco and includes any product that:

- contains, is made or derived from tobacco or used to deliver nicotine alone or with other substances intended for human consumption, whether heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff, bidis, snus, mints, hand gels; or

A LICENSE IS REQUIRED TO SELL

If you are a retailer that sells tobacco products, you are required by Summit County Government to obtain a \$600 annual Tobacco Retailer License. [Summit County Tobacco Retailer License Application](#). The license must be displayed in a publicly visible location.

A VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 19, AS WELL AS OTHER TOBACCO-RELATED LAWS AS DETAILED BELOW, MAY BE GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL RESTRICTIONS ON THE SALE OF TOBACCO

1. Clerks must ask to see ID for any tobacco product purchase if the individual looks younger than the age of 50. It is illegal for anyone to provide or sell tobacco to anyone under the age of 21.
2. Store clerks who sell tobacco products must be 21 years of age or older.
3. License should be prominently displayed and visible when standing at checkout.
4. Minimum sales age 21 sign shall be prominently displayed at all entrances or in a clearly visible location.
5. Sales Tax Permit must be prominently displayed.
6. No tobacco products should be within reach of customers.
7. No advertising of electronic smoking devices visible from outside of licensed retailer.
8. No tobacco product retailer shall provide any free or discounted tobacco product to a consumer. All tobacco products must be full price.

RESPONSIBLE TOBACCO SALES TRAINING FOR TOBACCO RETAILERS

Visit <https://responsibletabaccosales.org/> to learn more about how you can be a responsible retailer

Encourage your staff to complete a 20 minute training video:

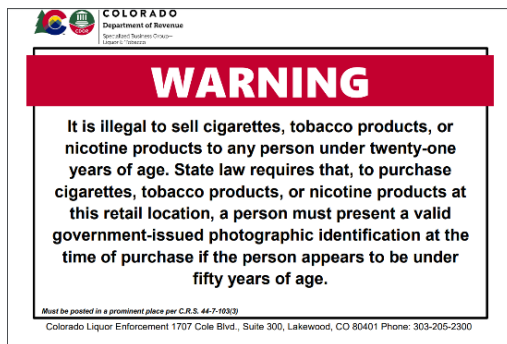
<https://responsibletabaccosales.org/responsible-tobacco-sales/>

SUMMIT COUNTY WILL COMPLETE UNDERAGE PURCHASE CHECKS ON A REGULAR BASIS TO ENSURE TOBACCO RETAILERS ARE NOT SELLING TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 21.

ADDITIONAL COLORADO LAWS RELATED TO TOBACCO RETAIL SALES

It is illegal to sell individual cigarettes or any pack or container of cigarettes containing fewer than twenty cigarettes, or roll-your-own tobacco in any package containing less than .60 ounces of tobacco.

Every store that sells tobacco is ALSO required by the State law to have a "Warning" sign posted in a prominent place with a minimum height of three inches and a width of six inches. The sign should read as follows:



To download and print this sign visit:
[Tobacco Warning Sign](#)

ADDITIONAL FEDERAL LAWS RELATED TO TOBACCO RETAIL SALES

- Cigarette vending machines are prohibited in businesses that allows entry to those under 21.
- It is illegal to give away free samples of cigarettes or smokeless tobacco.
- It is illegal to sell or give away items such as hats, t-shirts, or lighters with tobacco brands or logos.
- It is illegal to sell flavored cigarettes (except menthol and tobacco flavors).

LOCAL, STATE, & FEDERAL LAW LINKS

- [Summit County Ordinance No 19](#)
- [Colorado State Laws](#)
- Federal tobacco laws
 - [Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act-An Overview](#)
 - [Selling Tobacco Products in Retail Stores](#)

If you have any questions about the provisions above, please reach out to: TobaccoLicenseEd@summitcountyco.gov