



## Staff Report

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council  
Regular Meeting of January 14, 2020

**TEXT AMENDMENT 20-1, CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT  
TO CHAPTER 5.78 "TOBACCO RETAILERS" OF TITLE 5 OF THE  
HERMOSA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT ISSUANCE  
OF NEW TOBACCO RETAILER LICENSES AND THE SALE OF  
ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES AND DETERMINATION THAT  
THE AMENDMENT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM  
THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**  
(Community Development Director Ken Robertson)

**Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends that the City Council continue the public hearing to the January 28 meeting in order to provide staff additional time to reach out to all tobacco retailers and discuss with them Council's direction.

**Background:**

On November 12, 2019, the City Council directed staff to return with an ordinance to ban any new tobacco retailer licenses and to ban the sale of electronic smoking devices in existing business. The Council also requested staff, with the assistance of BCHD, to reach out to tobacco retailers in taking further steps to make the City completely tobacco-free.

**Analysis:**

Staff has engaged with the Beach Cities Health District and initiated outreach to local businesses. However, staff needs additional time to reach out to all businesses individually as part of an overall strategy on making the City tobacco-free.

**Respectfully Submitted by:** Ken Robertson, Community Development Director

**Noted for Fiscal Impact:** Viki Copeland, Finance Director

**Legal Review:** Mike Jenkins, City Attorney

**Approved:** Suja Lowenthal, City Manager