



Department of City Development
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Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation

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To the Honorable Members of the
Zoning, Neighborhoods, and Development Committee
City of Milwaukee
City Hall, Room 301-B

Dear Committee Members:

File number 230097 relates to zoning regulations for tobacco or e-cigarette retailers. This ordinance provides that, in the zoning code, the term “tobacco or e-cigarette retailer” shall mean an establishment in which 10 percent or more of the gross public floor area or 10 percent of stock in trade consists of cigarettes, tobacco products, or e-cigarette products.

This ordinance also provides that, for zoning purposes, the use classification of a tobacco or e-cigarette retailer shall be as follows:

1. Limited use - all commercial districts, all downtown districts, IM industrial districts.
2. Prohibited use - all residential districts, all other industrial districts, parks district, and institutional district.

The limited use standards for a tobacco or e-cigarette retailer shall be as follows:

1. The tobacco or e-cigarette retailer shall not be within 1,000 feet of an elementary or secondary school, library, day care center, park or playground. If this standard is not met, the use is prohibited.
2. The tobacco or e-cigarette retailer shall not be within 500 feet of a premises holding a cigarette or tobacco license. If this standard is not met, a special use permit is required.

The City Plan Commission held a public hearing for this item at its regular meeting on June 5, 2023. At the time, several members of the public provided testimony in support of the file. At its regular meeting on June 5, 2023, the City Plan Commission recommended approval of Proposed Substitute A.

Sincerely,

Lafayette L. Crump
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

