

## **RESOLUTION NO. 25-04**

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### **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BANNING THE SALE OF FLAVORED TOBACCO AND SYNTHETIC NICOTINE PRODUCTS AND PROTECTING YOUTH FROM A LIFETIME OF NICOTINE ADDICTION**

**WHEREAS**, the tobacco and vape industries use flavors like cotton candy, bubble gum, and minty menthol to hook generations of consumers - especially kids, students, and communities of color - on the massive doses of nicotine their tobacco and synthetic nicotine products can deliver; and

**WHEREAS** the CDC reports that nearly 9 out of 10 of adults who smoke say that they started before age 18; and

**WHEREAS**, the millions of dollars the tobacco and vape industries spend on lobbying so retailers can continue selling their predatory, candy-flavored products has triggered what the Surgeon General and the FDA call an "epidemic" of e-cigarette use across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the tobacco and vape industries spend about 100 million dollars for marketing in Oregon each year and 12.5% of Clackamas County 11th grade students reported the use of e-cigarettes in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, tobacco use kills approximately 8,000 Oregonians and costs almost \$5.7 billion dollars in medical expenses and lost productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, school zones throughout the county, including Oregon City, continue to be targeted as prime locations for tobacco retail establishments; and

**WHEREAS**, the tobacco and vape industries are creating a cycle of addiction that puts Clackamas County taxpayers - whether they smoke or not - on the hook for \$12.5 million in annual medical costs caused by smoking; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, 21% of tobacco retailers in Oregon illegally sold tobacco to underage buyers.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, OREGON CITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City Commission of the City of Oregon City, Oregon, encourages both the Oregon State Legislature and the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners to pass legislation banning the sale of flavored tobacco and synthetic nicotine products to protect our children and end the allure of tobacco and vaping products for underage users.

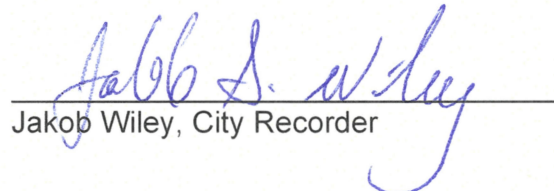
**Section 2.** The City Commission supports adopting a resolution in support of banning the sale of flavored tobacco and synthetic nicotine products and protecting youth from a lifetime of nicotine addiction.

**Section 3.** The resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Commission.

Approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 5th day of February 2025.

  
DENYSE MCGRIFF, Mayor

Attested to this 5th day of February 2025:

  
Jakob Wiley, City Recorder

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

  
Bill Kabeiseman (Feb 9, 2025 16:53 PST)  
City Attorney