



# KENT CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Dear Tobacco Retailer,

Kent City Council recently passed a new ordinance that will affect all local retailers of tobacco and nicotine products. The new initiative is referred to as Tobacco 21 and will go into effect immediately (Ordinance number 2018-83). In the enclosed packet, you will find detailed information to help you comply with the ordinance and avoid potential fines.

The sale of cigarettes, other tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, alternative nicotine products, or papers used to roll cigarettes to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age is now prohibited. In addition, all retailers of tobacco and nicotine products are required to post a sign in a conspicuous place stating the new legal age of 21. Failure to comply with the ordinance may lead to fines up to \$1,000 for each violation.

Please review the important information that we have provided to help you comply with this ordinance, including a new sign for your store (enclosed). Please remove any outdated signs and post the new age requirements to ensure compliance.

If you have questions about this new ordinance, please visit [www.kentpublichealth.org](http://www.kentpublichealth.org) or call 330-678-8109.

We hope that you find this information beneficial. Thank you for your help in protecting young people by reducing their usage of tobacco and nicotine products.

Sincerely,

Jeff Neistadt  
Health Commissioner