



VAPE/SMOKE SHOP POTENTIAL POLICIES

Vape shops (aka smoke shops) typically offer a variety of products, including tobacco, cannabis, kratom, vape devices, e-liquids, water pipes, glass pipes, rolling papers, grinders, and other accessories. Communities can limit the number of shops as well as the types of products sold inside.

Limit the Number of Shops

Proximity requirements refer to the required distance between sensitive land uses and/or dispensaries.

Consider adding the following to “sensitive land use” conditions:

- Parks and playgrounds
- Substance use treatment or recovery facilities
- Residential neighborhoods
- Housing Authority properties

Distance requirements between dispensaries can help reduce clustering.¹

PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY



Vape shops often carry a lot of Intoxicating Hemp Derivatives (Delta 8, THCA, THC-P, THC-O, etc.) and now synthetic nicotine products. Legalization and regulation of these products are in a gray area, leaving them wide open for youth and young adults to try.



Communities can protect youth by:

- Putting a cap on the number of outlets.
- Requiring a certain percentage of floor space be tobacco only.
- Banning smokeable leaf products.
- Banning all flavored nicotine and cannabis products.²

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