

TOBACCO PRODUCTS SHOP SAMPLING

Effective July 9, 2011, the Minneapolis City Council enacted conditions for the sampling of tobacco in tobacco products shops.

Tobacco Sampling Guidelines for Exclusive Tobacco Products Shops

1. *An Exclusive Tobacco Products Shop* is a retail establishment that derives more than 90% of its gross revenue from the sale of loose tobacco, plants, herbs, cigars, cigarettes, pipes, smoking devices for burning tobacco and related smoking accessories. The sale of other products represents incidental revenue.
2. The establishments must have an entrance door opening directly to the outside.
3. Single samples of smokeless tobacco products, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, or other tobacco products may be offered.
4. Any smoking device (pipe, hookah, water pipe) cannot be provided for the purpose of sampling of any tobacco product.
5. Seating or access to the indoor area of the tobacco products shop cannot be offered in exchange for a fee or similar consideration.
6. Customers or other persons cannot sample tobacco that was not furnished by the tobacco products shop on the date and time the sampling occurs.

What Happens If You Are in Violation?

1. Expect a letter, telephone call, or visit from a License Inspector describing the complaint or violation.
2. Take this notice seriously. Call your inspector for information or solutions.
3. Failure to comply with violation orders may result in citations, fines, suspensions, and revocation of your license to operate.

A complete set of requirements may be found in the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances (MCO):

www.minneapolismn.gov/government/ordinances

Questions? Give us a call: 612-673-2080

For more information in other languages: Yog xav paub tshaj nos ntxiv, hu 612-673-2800. Macluumaad heeri ah, kala soo xiriir 612-673-3500. Para mas información llame al 612-673-2700.



This brochure was created to provide a brief summary of the City of Minneapolis' business license requirements. It is intended to educate our business partners on some of the best ways to protect your company from common license violations.