



BOARD OF HEALTH

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CITY OF AURORA TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSURE ORDINANCE

Resolution No. 2025-011

WHEREAS, tobacco is the number one cause of preventable and premature death in Colorado, and it is estimated that 90,000 youth under 18 in Colorado will die prematurely from smoking; and

WHEREAS, the decrease in youth tobacco usage has been supplanted by the advent of flavored nicotine products like vapes which have become the most commonly used nicotine products among youth today; and

WHEREAS, these products contain extremely high levels of nicotine, fueling addiction and negatively affecting adolescent brain development; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that nearly eighty percent (80%) of lifelong nicotine addiction begins before the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, tobacco use in Colorado accounts for \$2.19 billion in annual health care costs, \$4.4 billion in lost productivity, and \$775 in tax burden per individual household;

WHEREAS, 85% of Aurora students were not refused due to age when they attempted to buy tobacco or nicotine products from a retailer; and

WHEREAS, retailers located within 1,500 feet of a school are twice as likely to sell to youth under 21, and there are twice as many tobacco retailers than grocery stores in Aurora; and

WHEREAS, Tobacco Retail License (TRL) ordinances have been shown to be an effective local tool to strengthen enforcement, increase accountability, and reduce youth tobacco and nicotine consumption; and

WHEREAS, TRL ordinances ensure that enforcement is consistent and educational, while ensuring fair competition by creating a level playing field by holding all retailers to the same standards, discouraging illegal or unregulated sales that undercut compliant businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Adams County Board of Health firmly supports the City of Aurora's efforts to implement a tobacco retail licensing program to keep dangerous and harmful tobacco and nicotine products out of the hands of Aurora's youth, ensuring a healthier and happier future for the next generation.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Gilliam	_____	Aye
Keiling	_____	Aye
Lindemann	_____	Aye
Mahnke	_____	Absent
Winkler	_____	Absent
Board of Health Members		

ADOPTED, this 18th day of September 2025.


Dee Dee Gilliam (Sep 19, 2025 08:40:13 MDT)

Dr. Dierdre Gilliam, DNP, RN, PHN, President
Adams County Board of Health






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