

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
From: **Brian Sturgeon, Chief of Police**
Date: **July 13, 2020**

First Reading – Amending Tobacco Ordinance

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This past legislative session the Minnesota legislature passed a bill that was signed into law to increase the minimum age of individuals to purchase tobacco and tobacco related products from 18 to 21 years of age. Attached is the proposed ordinance with changes that would match and follow state law. Changes include:

- Changing the wording regarding state law from age 18 to 21.
- Increasing the minimum age from 15 to 17 for individuals working with law enforcement to conduct required compliance checks.
- Additional minor wording changes that is present in statute.

These changes should be non-controversial and are needed in order to be in compliance with state statute.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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Fund:		None
Department:		
Account:		

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is available to answer any questions. If passed, the final reading with a public hearing will occur at the next Council meeting.