

CPCR.2024.021: tobacco, nicotine, and hemp product retail sales



What are we proposing to regulate?

any business or establishment that contains the retail sale of:

electronic smoking devices and retail tobacco products, as such terms are defined in § 18.2-371.2 Code of Virginia;

hemp products and hemp products intended for smoking, as such terms are defined in § 3.2-4112 Code of Virginia

shall not affect a licensee holding a valid license under § 4.1-206.3 Code of Virginia



Exemptions under § 4.1-206.3 Code of Virginia

hotels, restaurants, clubs hospitals rural grocery stores coliseums, stadiums, racetracks performing arts food concessionaires exhibition halls

concert and dinner-theaters historic cinema houses nonprofit museums convenience grocery store, delicatessen, drugstore, gift shop, gourmet oyster house, gourmet shop, grocery store, or marina



Why regulate retail sales of these items?

the number, density, and proximity to schools of tobacco, nicotine, and hemp product retailers are associated with negative public health outcomes, including:

higher rates of smoking among youth

higher rates of cigarettes smoked per day

lower rates of successful cessation

long-term addiction results in tremendous personal, social, and financial costs of tobacco-related illnesses



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of cigarettes occurs by 18 years of age

manufacturers allocate 90% of cigarette advertising and 70% of smokeless tobacco advertising to point-of-sale children are especially vulnerable to advertising advertising exposure causes adolescents to start smoking adolescents who smoke are at high risk for long-term addiction because their brains are still developing among adults who become daily smokers, nearly all first use



lessen congestion in streets secure safety from fire, panic, and other danger

promote health, sanitation, and general welfare

provide adequate light and air prevent overcrowding of land

avoid undue concentration of population

facilitate public and private transportation

facilitate public utility services and sewage disposal

facilitate provision for schools, parks, playgrounds, etc.



only permit in certain zoning districts

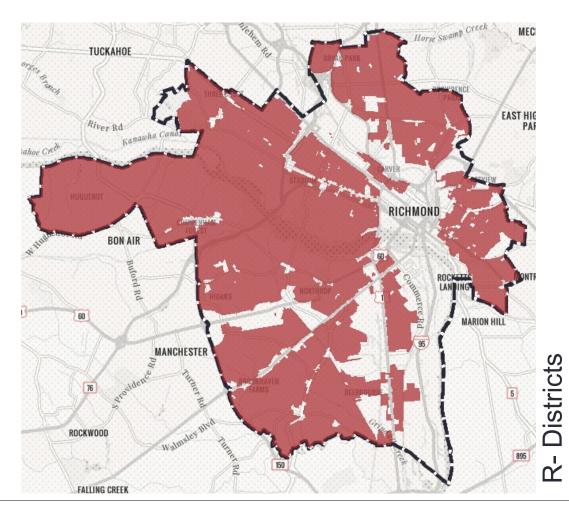
require to be located no less than one thousand (1,000) feet from any lot containing a child day center

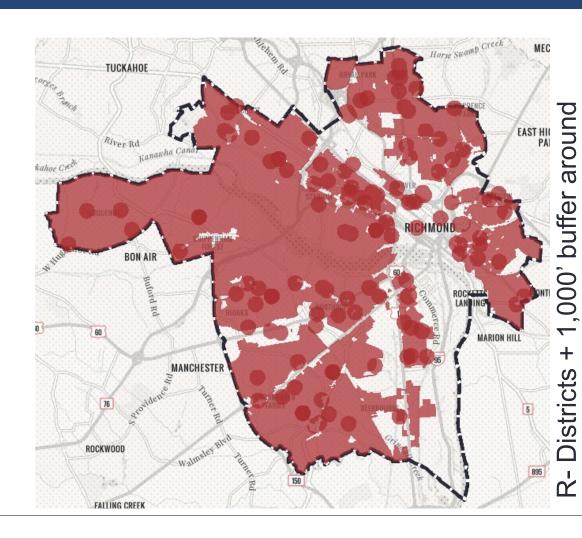
require to be located no less than one thousand (1,000) feet from public or private pre-, elementary, middle, high school

require to be located no less than one thousand (1,000) feet from any lot containing retail sales of tobacco and hemp

restrict the hours of operation









further research needed to:

require to be located no less than one thousand (1,000) feet from park; public library; church or other place of worship

require to be located no less than one thousand (1,000) feet from emergency housing, transitional housing, or permanent supportive housing

require limitations on commercial signage



Questions and discussion

