FOR IMMEDIATE POSTING
June 30, 2016

ALERT!
San Francisco Landmark Law
No Tobacco Products Sales to Minors, 18, 19, or 20
Effective July 1, 2016

Retailers May Not Sell Tobacco Products to Any Minors, 18, 19, & 20 Years of Age

ATTENTION RETAILERS and CUSTOMERS!

The City & County of San Francisco passed a new ordinance that raises the minimum age of sale for tobacco products from 18 to 21, effective July 1, 2016. Although California passed a similar law effective June 9, 2016, the state law exempts active duty military personnel in the U.S. Armed Forces. However, the San Francisco Health Code does not include an exemption for active duty military personnel.

Tobacco Products Include:

- Cigarettes
- Cigars
- Cigarillos/Little Cigars
- Blunt Wraps
- Smokeless Tobacco
- Electronic Cigarettes
- Vape Pens & Mods
- E-Liquids
- Hookah

The San Francisco Department of Public Health is developing educational resources for retailers to learn more about Tobacco 21 and to help you comply. San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) will conduct educational outreaches during the normal routine inspection.

For more information about SFDPH outreaches and inspections, please contact Environmental Health at (415) 252-3873.

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