

# City of Independence

## Community Development Department

**TO:** Planning Commission  
**PREPARED BY:** Community Development Department  
**RE:** Case #17-175-03 – Unified Development Ordinance – Amendment #29 – Tobacco/Convenience Stores  
**DATE:** October 10, 2017

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### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The City requests the adoption of Amendment #29 to Section 14-419 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends **APPROVAL** of the adoption of the proposed Amendment #29 to the Unified Development Ordinance.

### **REVIEW**

According to the Independence Health Department, although progress is being seen in reducing cigarette smoking among U.S. and Independence youth, the use of other tobacco and nicotine products has increased. The government-sponsored Monitoring the Future survey demonstrated an increase in use of other tobacco products, such as electronic cigarettes and flavored cigars. Independence data reflects this increase with more students using electronic cigarettes, than regular cigarettes, and 35% of students believing that electronic cigarettes are less harmful than regular cigarettes. Another study funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), National Cancer Institute (NCI), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Center for Tobacco Products found that students who reported using electronic cigarettes by the time they started high school were more likely to report later use of traditional tobacco products.

Tobacco use continues to be the nation's number one cause of preventable death. As the City continues to try and take action to protect its citizens from tobacco addiction, staff is recommending lowering the number of tobacco and convenience stores (without gasoline sales) from 1 per 8,000 residents to 1 per 15,000 residents. With the last decennial census noting a population of 116,882, this would lower the number of tobacco and convenience stores (without gasoline sales) allowed from the current 14 to 7.

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### **EXHIBITS**

1. Proposed amendment