

**Summary**  
**Board Bill Number 10**  
**Introduced by Alderman Thomas Oldenburg**  
**April 25, 2025**

The bill prohibits retail tobacco stores from being open to the public for business between the hours of 9:00 PM and 8:00 AM. Retail tobacco store is defined as any retail store where tobacco products and or nicotine vape products are sold, and: more than fifty percent (50%) of the retail floor space is devoted to the display of tobacco products, tobacco accessories, nicotine vape products, and or vape devices for sale to the public; or, sales of tobacco products, tobacco accessories, nicotine vape products and vape devices account for fifty percent (50%) or more of total sales.

**BOARD BILL NUMBER 10 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN THOMAS OLDENBURG  
COSPONSORS: ALDERWOMAN LAURA KEYS**

1 An ordinance prohibiting retail tobacco stores, as defined herein, to be open to the public for  
2 business between the hours of 9:00 PM and 8:00 AM; and containing a penalty clause.

3 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

4 **SECTION ONE. Definitions.**

5 For purposes of this chapter the terms set forth below shall be defined as follows:

6 “*Nicotine vape product*” means any product or substance including, but not limited to, e-liquids,  
7 e-juice and vape juice, that when used in a vape device produces an aerosol or vapor containing  
8 nicotine that is inhaled by the user.

9 “*Retail floor space*” means the main sales area of a retail store where goods are displayed for  
10 sale to the public.

11 “*Retail tobacco store*” means any retail store where tobacco products and or nicotine vape  
12 products are sold, and:

13 1. More than fifty percent (50%) of the retail floor space is devoted to the display of  
14 tobacco products, tobacco accessories, nicotine vape products, and or vape devices for  
15 sale to the public; or

16 2. Sales of tobacco products, tobacco accessories, nicotine vape products and or vape  
17 devices account for fifty percent (50%) or more of total sales.

18 Retail stores that sell tobacco accessories and vape devices but do not sell tobacco products or  
19 nicotine vape products shall not be considered retail tobacco stores for purposes of this chapter.

1    “*Tobacco accessory*” means any product or device that is intended or commonly used for or in  
2    connection with the consumption of tobacco products including, without limitation, pipes, pipe  
3    tools and cleaners, rolling papers, filter inserts, ashtrays and cigarette rolling devices.

4    “*Tobacco product*” means any product or substance containing tobacco leaf including, but not  
5    limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco or dipping tobacco.

6    “*Vape device*” means an electronic product or device that may be used to inhale an aerosol or  
7    vapor containing nicotine including, without limitation, e-cigarettes, vape pens, and similar  
8    products and devices, and their components or parts including, but not limited to, vape  
9    cartridges, mouth pieces, heating coils, batteries, and vape device cleaning products.

10   **SECTION TWO. Retail tobacco store business hours.**

11    It shall be unlawful for any retail tobacco store to be open to the public for business between  
12    the hours of 9:00 PM and 8:00 AM.

13    **SECTION THREE. Violations.**

14    Violations of the provisions of this chapter shall constitute an ordinance violation. Individuals  
15    and entities found to be in violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to a fine  
16    of \$500 or, if greater than \$500, the maximum fine then allowed by the City’s Charter.