

Sales of tobacco within the City of Cerritos are regulated by Chapter 5.35 of the Cerritos Municipal Code and the City of Cerritos Business License Division. As approved by the Cerritos City Council by way of Ordinance No. 933 in February 2008, all businesses selling tobacco within the City of Cerritos are required to obtain a City of Cerritos Tobacco Retailer's License, in conjunction with a City of Cerritos Business License. In November 2019, the Cerritos City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1028, amending Chapter 5.35 and Section 22.40.320 of the Cerritos Municipal Code, prohibiting the sale of electronic cigarettes. Effective July 1, 2020, the sale of electronic cigarettes and associated electronic cigarette paraphernalia is no longer permitted in the City of Cerritos.

Additionally, Chapter 5.35 stipulates that the sale of tobacco products to minors or any other violation of local, state or federal laws related to tobacco sales, including the sale of electronic cigarettes or associated electronic cigarette paraphernalia within the City of Cerritos, may result in the suspension or revocation of said license.

TOBACCO RETAILER'S LICENSE

- Tobacco retail licenses are issued by the City of Cerritos Business License Division.
- The fee for a tobacco retailer's license is \$50.00 per year, and must be renewed prior to the expiration of the payment term.
- A tobacco retail license is required for merchants who sell any products containing tobacco and must be obtained prior to the sales of tobacco products.
- The tobacco retail license must be posted in a conspicuous location on the business' premises that is visible to the public.
- The license is non-transferrable and is valid only for the person and location issued for the period indicated, unless it is suspended or revoked for cause.
- Effective July 1, 2020, tobacco retail licenses will no longer be issued to merchants or retailers for the display, sale, offer for sale, or possession with the intent to sell electronic cigarettes or associated paraphernalia, including vape products.

PENALTIES

Penalties will be imposed as follows, pursuant to Chapter 5.35 of the Cerritos Municipal Code:

- 1st violation – Written warning
- 2nd violation within three (3) years of first violation – Thirty (30) day suspension
- 2nd violation within twelve (12) months of first violation – Ninety (90) day suspension
- 3rd violation within three (3) years of first violation – Ninety (90) day suspension
- 4th violation within three (3) years – License revocation

TO OBTAIN A TOBACCO RETAILER'S LICENSE

Visit the City of Cerritos Business License Division, located at Cerritos City Hall, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703.

For additional questions, please contact the Business License Division at (562) 916-1236.