

Tobacco Retail License Legislation

Executive Summary Tobacco Retail License: This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Health supplement the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, by enacting new Sections 235A.01 through 235A.11, relating to tobacco retail licensing and to amend Section 607.15 relating to the illegal distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products or alternative nicotine products to require each Tobacco Retailer engaging in the sale of Tobacco Products shall secure a tobacco retail license from the Commissioner of Assessments and Licenses for each location where it sells Tobacco Products in the City before engaging or continuing to engage in such business. An application for a tobacco retail sales license shall be made to the Commissioner of Assessments and Licenses and shall contain the full name of the applicant, the applicant's business and personal address and telephone number, the name of the business for which the tobacco retail sales license is sought, a copy of the applicant's valid vendor's license from the Ohio Department of Taxation and any additional information the Commissioner of Environmental Health or the Director deems necessary, such as a certificate of occupancy issued by the City. The annual fee will be based on cost methodology to cover the cost of the program, like food operator and pool licenses. Retailers will be subject to routine and complaint-based health inspections.