



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item Number: 2

Agenda Date: January 15, 2025

In Control: Governance Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Development Services Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Amin Tohmaz, Interim Director

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Request by Councilmember John Courage (District 9) on updates to Chapter 35, Article III: Zoning, related to regulations for tobacco stores and vape shops.

SUMMARY:

Request by Councilmember John Courage (District 9) on updates to Chapter 35, Article III: Zoning, related to regulations for tobacco stores and vape shops.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Council Consideration Request seeks to update Chapter 35 of the City Code, Unified Development Code (UDC), Article III, Zoning, to add a regulation prohibiting the establishment of tobacco retail stores, including vape shops, within 1,000 feet of a school, daycare, and institutions of higher learning.

Similar buffer zones have been added to the UDC for Sexually Oriented Businesses (SOB) and gas stations, which were adopted as part of the 2021 UDC amendment program.

ISSUE:

This item requests that City staff explore enhancements to Chapter 35, Article III to prevent tobacco stores, including vape shops, within 1,000 feet of schools, daycares, and institutions of higher learning.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is for briefing purposes only.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the CCR be forwarded to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee for further evaluation.