

# SAN JOSE TOBACCO RETAILER LAWS

A tobacco retailer license is an annual permit and is required by the City of San Jose for the sale of tobacco products; it is required for all businesses that sell tobacco.



Picture credit: San Mateo County Health

## POLICY CHANGES

### EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 19TH, 2021

- New tobacco retailers are **prohibited** within 500 feet of another tobacco retailer and within 1,000 feet of a youth sensitive area (schools, recreation centers, parks, libraries and etc.).
- Current adult-only retailers' exemption has been **removed**.

### EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST, 2022

- The sales of flavored tobacco and menthol products are **prohibited**.  
**Exemptions:** Hookah, loose-leaf tobacco, and premium cigars

## ENFORCEMENT

Compliance Checks include checking for **proper permits** and sales of **permitted products**. Find inspection checklist here:

<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument>



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