

Flavored Tobacco Bans

Two cities, New York City and Providence, RI have both banned the sale of flavored non-cigarette tobacco products within their city limits. And both have been challenged and upheld by the courts. Chicago's ban on the sale of flavored non-cigarette tobacco products went into effect on Wednesday, after a last minute effort by gas station convenience store owners to stop the implementation failed.



While electronic smoking devices may be getting the attention, far more young teens are using flavored little cigars which have been clearly marketed to the starter under-aged audience. Cherry, grape, strawberry flavored little cigars are packaged in brightly colored foil resembling candy products.

Both the cities of Union City and Hayward require a minimum pack size of 5 for cigars valued at less than \$5 each. Hayward also prohibits any new sales of flavored non-cigarette tobacco products within 500 feet of schools. Berkeley is considering creating tobacco-sales free zones around schools.