



Administration

To: City Commission

From: City Administrator Dustin Dassinger

Date: 1/29/26

Subject: Tobacco Compliance Checks

Commissioners,

As part of a recently conducted citywide compliance check of retail tobacco outlets in Dickinson, two licensed establishments (Cenex General Store and Vapes) were found to be non-compliant with tobacco sales regulations. The compliance checks were conducted in coordination with the Southwest District Health.

The Cenex General Store failed its tobacco compliance check on December 22, 2025. According to records provided to the city, this violation represents the establishment's first violation within the last 24 months. The Cenex General Store shall receive a written warning for a first offense. The Municipal Code further states that if the agent or employee does not possess a server training certificate card at the time of the violation, the city shall assess an administrative fine in the amount of \$500.00 against the licensee.

Vapes failed its tobacco compliance check on December 22, 2025. According to records provided to the city, this violation represents the establishment's third violation within the last 24 months.

In the event of a third violation within a 24-month period by the licensee, its agent or employee, of this article or Chapter 22C, Article II, the City shall assess against the licensee an administrative fine in the amount of \$2,000.00. The City shall further suspend the licensee's license and authority to sell tobacco products for no less than four days or revocation of license.

In accordance with this provision, City Administration has determined that the appropriate enforcement action is a suspension of the sale of tobacco products for Vapes on the following dates:

- February 13, 2026
- February 14, 2026
- February 15, 2026
- February 16, 2026



The administrative fine associated with this violation will also be assessed consistent with ordinance requirements.

Thank You,



Dustin Dassinger

City Administrator

