

Warrant
Article 19

What is it?

▫ This tobacco bylaw reads similar to our

current regulations except for one major clause:

▫ "Identification: Each person selling or distributing

tobacco products, as defined herein, shall verify the age of the purchaser by means of a valid government issued photographic identification containing the bearer's date of birth that the purchaser was born prior to 1/1/2004.

What does this mean?

▫ If this warrant article passes, you must be

born Before January 1st, 2004 to legally
purchase any tobacco products in the town
of Bellingham.

Are any other towns passing similar legislation?

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Several other towns across the state have recently adopted similar policies, including:

- Belchertown
- Brookline
- Chelsea
- Concord
- Malden
- Manchester
- Melrose
- Needham

- Newton
- Pelham
- Reading
- Somerville
- Stoneham
- Wakefield
- Winchester

Important Clarifications

▫ This is NOT a ban on the sale of tobacco

products of any kind

▫ This will NOT have an effect on the current

population of smokers

What does my vote mean?

▫ A "Yes" majority vote

▫ A "No" majority vote

will pass the article,
enacting the bylaw
and changing the age
for tobacco sales to
"Must be born before
1/1/04".

will result in the
article being denied,
and the age for
tobacco sales will
remain "Must be 21
years of age".

