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Subject: RE: Three question

To: Maureen Buzby <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>

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Sorry all!! I can not seem to get the birth date issue right! Old onset Dyslexia???
At any rate and I ask with big embarrassment---will January 1, 2005 be ok?? Because that's what they approved.
Thanks for your help!

From: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 1:41 PM
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If they already set a firm date I wouldn't try to change it now. Might derail or delay things. Kate? Mark?
We want to make sure we have 21 years between effective date and birthdate. No underlap or overlap.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 1:18 PM
To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
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All good points! Thanks!! And agreed July 1 should be it with enforcement in fall.
The board though set a 2005 birthdate. I don't think we can change it now but I'll check.

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From: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
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All good questions. Hmmmm.....

I would separate the two, at least in our minds:

If the Board holds a hearing in March, and then they vote in April, I don't see why you couldn't have a 7/1/2025 effective date for NFG.

That would give you two months for additional retailer education which I believe is enough at this point. Maybe not when NFG was brand new to everyone, but it is no longer “new”. And the Board could elect to hold off another few months on enforcement as a couple of municipalities have done. Maybe not enforce until September, which gives the retailers even more time to get used to the change. More education. Additional written notification as well as in-person visits. Not recommending that necessarily but it is an option.

If you go with a 7/1/2025 effective date the birthdate restriction would be 7/1/2004. No one born on or after 7/1/2004 will be able to legally purchase tobacco products in Somerville. Or, as Kate Silbaugh prefers, it would be illegal to sell tobacco products to anyone born on or after 7/1/2004.

I don't see a need to wait until 1/1/2026.

I think you could also use the same effective date for the nic pouch restriction to adult only stores. Zyn flies off the shelf so fast that if retailers learn in April that they will no longer be able to sell pouches in family friendly stores as of July 1st they will be able to sell down their inventory. Most of them anyway.

You could do retailer education for both provisions at the same time. And using the same effective date might lead to less confusion.

I copied Mark and Kate so they can chime in – especially if they have a different take. I would like to hear their views.

BTW, in my communities that adopted NFG, the NFG provision is just an amendment to the BOH Tobacco Sales Regulation. We literally added a paragraph. Of course we didn't do other regs at the same time but if we had I'm assuming we would have amended the current BOH regulation with two paragraphs (two new sections) – one for NFG and one for pouches or whatever else we were trying to do.

Hope this helps.

P.S. I'd do the same kinds of letters we did in Chelsea. One reminder to the retailer that there is a new regulation(s), followed later by the employee training tips letter.

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Hi Maureen

If Somerville passes the new regs on the 20th, I suppose we will need to give Somerville retailers time to get rid of oral pouches? They'll only be allowed in retail stores.

Then what would be the ideal effective date for NFG no sales—Jan2025?

And I imagine, since sell down will take a little time, should the age restriction effective start date match the effective date overall regs go into effect? Though there's no need to wait for age restriction, I don't think we can separate that reg section out of the overall regs, correct?

Thanks

Bonny

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