

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-24

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS  
AUTHORIZATING THE ADOPTION OF A TOBACCO RETAILER LICENSING FEE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Los Altos stated that one of their priorities was a commitment to reducing teenage vaping and tobacco use throughout the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City showed this commitment through the passing of ordinance 2020-469, which established a tobacco retailer license; and

**WHEREAS**, this tobacco retailer license ordinance requires all businesses that sell tobacco to acquire a license through the City of Los Altos, and abide by several restrictions, including, but not limited to, a prohibition on the sale of electronic cigarette products, flavored tobacco (excluding pipe tobacco), and menthols; and

**WHEREAS**, the enforcement of this ordinance requires time from a Los Altos police officer and administrative staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Los Altos has the authority to establish a fee for the licensing process within the City of Los Altos; and

**WHEREAS**, the fee associated with the tobacco retailer license shall be set at a level that covers the cost of the enforcement of the ordinance.

**WHEREAS**, the license expires at the end of the calendar year, but retailers may apply for it at any point in the year;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby establishes the fee for the tobacco retailer license at \$250, with \$150 of the \$250 being prorated on a monthly basis from the date the applicant pays the fee, for first time applicants, and \$150 to annually renew the license.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effective beginning January 1, 2021

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bruins, Enander, Lee Eng, Vice Mayor Fligor and Mayor Pepper  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

  
Janis C. Pepper, MAYOR

Attest:  
  
Andrea Chelemengos, MMC, City Clerk