

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council

Item ID

72499

Agenda Number

24.

Meeting Date:

6/22/2017

Department:

Public Health

## Subject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapters 10-4 and 10-11 relating to electronic smoking devices and updating the name of the Austin Public Health Department.

## Amount and Source of Funding

There is no anticipated fiscal impact.

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

Council Committee,  
Boards and  
Commission Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

## Additional Backup Information

In 2005, the City adopted an ordinance restricting smoking in all public places. Since then, new electronic cigarette products have appeared on the market that do not fall under the current definitions for "smoking." These new electronic cigarette products are currently not regulated and are not proven to be safe.

On May 11, 2017, Council approved Resolution No. 20170511-007 directing the City Manager to draft code amendments for Council consideration that add electronic smoking devices to existing City Code prohibitions against the sale, delivery, and use of cigarettes and tobacco products; and clarify definitions for "smoking" and "electronic smoking devices." The City Manager was directed to present an ordinance for Council consideration within 90 days from the adoption of the resolution.

## RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOALS:

Improve Quality of Life to Reduce the Years of Potential Life Lost due to Preventable Chronic Diseases.

Reduce the number of tobacco related deaths below 650.