

Municipal Tobacco Control Technical Assistance Program

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MUNICIPALITIES THAT REQUIRE SEPARATE NICOTINE DELIVERY PRODUCTS PERMITS AND TOBACCO SALES PERMITS

- 1. Taunton**
2. North Attleboro
- 3. Boston**

TOTAL: 3 (Cities in Bold) – 10.7% of state’s population (50,552) lives in listed municipalities.

Explanation:

Most older regulations require only a tobacco sales permit at the local level. This means that retailers who sell electronic cigarettes, and not tobacco, are not required to get any local or state permit or license.

For the last couple of years, local regulatory amendments have expanded the permit requirement to include these retailers, calling the expanded permit a “Tobacco and Nicotine Delivery Products Sales Permit”. This provides a municipality the ability to maintain an accurate list of electronic cigarette vendors and, if the regulation has been expanded throughout to include “nicotine delivery products”, the ability to enforce those sections of the regulation regarding the sale of nicotine delivery products.

Taunton and North Attleboro each have separate requirements for these permits instead of combining the two into one.

Boston requires a “Permit for Location and Sale of Nicotine Delivery Products” for nicotine delivery products (most likely electronic cigarettes) vendors and a “Permit for Location and Sale of Tobacco Products” for tobacco vendors. If the vendor sells both nicotine delivery products AND tobacco, and therefore is required to have both permits, the vendor gets a break on the permit fee. Boston charges \$100 for each permit but if the vendor applies for both, the fee is \$150.

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