

Protecting Livingston Youth: Empowering Communities with Local Solutions

Livingston Public Opinion Poll Results²:

84% : Would support a law that requires store owners to have a license to sell tobacco.





82% : Would support a law that stops stores from selling tobacco near schools and other youth areas.

71% : Would support a law that limits the number of stores that can sell tobacco.

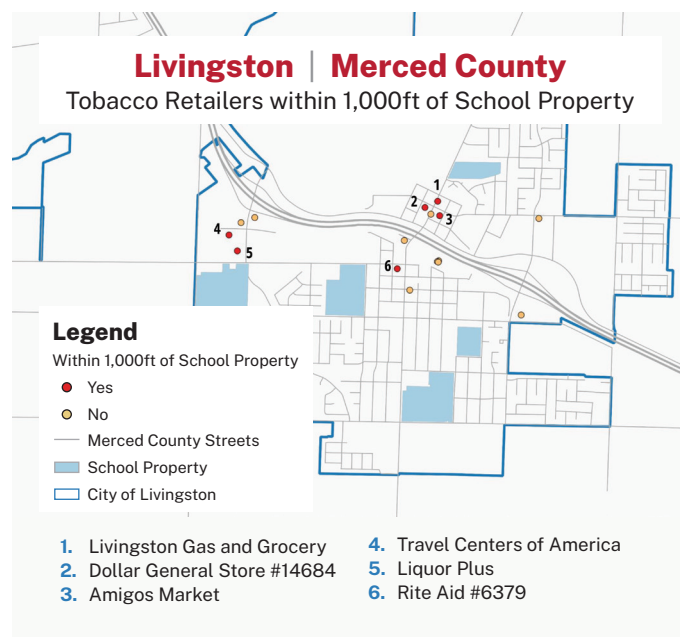
“ They (tobacco stores) are too accessible in such a small city. If you leave your house, you can easily access a retail store that’s yards away selling tobacco products. Zoning is key.”¹

What can we do to protect our youth?

Requiring a tobacco retail license (TRL) to sell tobacco is a simple yet powerful tool to keep youth from using tobacco. When stores are required to have a license, they are monitored more closely, and there are fewer illegal sales to minors.

-  Limiting the total number of tobacco stores in your community.
-  Require a minimum distance between retailers.
-  Limit retailer proximity to areas populated by youth such as schools and parks.
-  Impose penalties on tobacco retailers who sell to youth under 21 years old.

There are **6 retailers within 1,000 feet** of school property⁴



“ There is a serious vaping problem with students and most kids we see have been vaping for a while and are already addicted.”¹



1 out of 11 Livingston tobacco retailers sold tobacco to someone underage.³



Take action on the health of Livingston!

Scan the QR code and join us in helping protect the youth, along with the rest of the community, from the harms of commercial tobacco by supporting policies like a TRL that prevent illegal sales.

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