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VILLAGE OF DOLTON APPROVES ORDINANCE TO CRACK DOWN ON ILLEGAL TOBACCO SALES

Provides Increased Fines for Violators, Including Business Owners, to Combat Illegal Tobacco Sales

In response to requests from building owners and residents regarding the sale of single cigarettes often referred to as "loosies," Mayor Riley H. Rogers proposed reforms empowering village enforcement staff with additional tools and resources to combat the illegal sale of tobacco products.

The Village of Dolton Trustees unanimously approved reforms introduced by Mayor Rogers which includes a \$2,500 fine for a first offense, \$5,000 for a second offense and a \$5,000 fine with a suspension/revocation of the business license for those found guilty of selling "loosies."

The previous fine for such an offense was \$100, which officials determined did not provide a sufficient deterrent to counter the profit-making motives of violators. Fines for the Village of Dolton are now in line with Cook County fines for the same offenses.

According to the Centers For Disease Control (CDC) Nearly 9 out of 10 cigarette smokers first tried smoking by age 18. Because buying tobacco products is cost prohibitive, efforts to reduce the sale of these very cheap single cigarettes seeks to protect those who are more vulnerable to nicotine addiction.