

RESOLUTION NO. ____

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF AVONDALE ESTATES BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS TO PROHIBIT NEW SMOKE/VAPE SHOPS IN THE CITY FOR SIX MONTHS WHILE THE CITY COMPLETES A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF ITS ZONING AND LAND USE REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, the City of Avondale Estates is currently engaged in the process of assessing and reevaluating its various land use controls and its zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the City’s land use and zoning overhaul will be complete by May 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City (which is less than 1.25 square miles in size) currently has four separate businesses authorized to sell tobacco and nicotine products; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Commissioners deems four such businesses to be more than adequate to meet any legitimate need for these products and that any additional such business would oversaturate the market and detract from the City’s plans for a well-balanced commercial district with a variety of services and products for sale.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Avondale Estates Board of Mayor and Commissioners as follows:

1. “*Smoke/Vape Shop*” as used herein as defined as any retail business that sells tobacco products including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars or similar products, vaporizers, liquids that are inhaled through a vaporizer, or any product containing nicotine.
2. A moratorium on new Smoke/Vape Shops is hereby imposed throughout the City of Avondale Estates beginning immediately and continuing through May 31, 2021.
3. During this period of moratorium, the City Manager shall not issue any new business license to any establishment that meets the definition of a Smoke/Vape Shop as defined herein.
4. This Resolution shall remain in effect until May 31, 2021, or until such time as it is removed or modified by resolution of the Board of Mayor and Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED, this 25th day of November, 2020.

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF AVONDALE ESTATES, GEORGIA**

Mayor Jonathan Elmore

ATTEST:

Gina Hill, City Clerk