



Power Street 1, The Bottom
Saba, Dutch Caribbean

The Executive Council Of the Public Entity Saba

Executive Council proposal to the Island Proposal

No. 2023.3

Island Council meeting: July 13th, 2023

Agenda Point: 8

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Attachment(s): 4 total

Implementation and Communication Plan, Ordinance (English and Dutch versions), Explanatory Memorandum (English)

Subject: Ordinance on Restricting Tobacco Use - Saba

Proposal: To Adopt

To the Island Council,

1. Executive Summary

The Public Health Department has received multiple worrisome signals from Saba Comprehensive School and parents on the increased use of vapes amongst adolescents. In the recent public health report, it was also noted that adolescent engagement with smoking has more than doubled since 2018.

Currently it is not illegal to sell a person under the age of 18 tobacco products, including nicotine cigarettes, vapes and flavored e-liquids. This ordinance aims to reduce the

accessibility of harmful tobacco and tobacco-related products to minor persons. Retailers will be required to ask for ID from anyone who does not look older than 25 when purchasing tobacco and tobacco-related products.

Additionally, this ordinance would prohibit the distribution of harmful flavored e-liquids used in vapes to all persons.

Retailers of tobacco and tobacco related products will be required to post signage regarding the provisions of this ordinance.

2. Reason Island Council decision

Currently it is not illegal to sell tobacco products to minors. Adopting this ordinance would change that. Additionally prohibiting the sale of flavored e-liquids would limit the easy accessibility of a harmful product.

3. Explanation and overview of policy options

This ordinance is a good first step towards decreasing smoking engagement amongst youth, and aligning Saba with steps being taken in NLD and globally. Looking ahead it is a hope that by utilizing a health in all policies approach; this topic, as well as broader smoking restrictions can be addressed more fully.

4. Legal basis

Article 149 and 152 WOLBES. See attached Explanatory Memo (MVT Tobacco Ordinance) for additional information.

5. Deployment of resources

n/a

6. Involvement public and agencies

Responsibility for enforcing the ordinance is jointly between the KPCN and the Saba Public Entity Enforcement Team.

7. Approach and planning

See attached Implementation and Communication plan.

We hereby propose the approval of the attached draft council decision.

Act. Island Secretary

The Island Governor

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Island Council

Island Council Decision

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The Island Council of the Public Entity Saba;

Having read the Island Council proposal;

Considering article 149 and 152 of the Law public entities Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba (WOLBES)

Resolves: To adopt the Ordinance on Restricting Tobacco Use

Thus adopted in the Public Island Council meeting on July 13th, 2023.

The Island Registrar

The Chairman of the Island Council

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