

## RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2018-30Passed May 2, 2018

SPONSOR: SAFETY COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MOGADORE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OR OTHER DISTRIBUTION OF CIGARETTES, OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Every year tobacco products lead to the deaths of nearly one-half million Americans and drain billions of dollars in directly related healthcare and lost productivity costs; and

WHEREAS, Nearly all adult smokers began smoking before the age of 18, while very few smokers start smoking after the age of 21, according to a 2015 white paper published by the Ohio State University College of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, Studies have shown that many children under the age of 18 who smoke obtain their cigarettes from acquaintances who are 18-20 year of age; and

WHEREAS, To date, over 200 communities across the United States, including many municipalities in Ohio, have passed legislation to raise the minimum age for tobacco sales to 21 years old; and

WHEREAS, Raising the age for tobacco sales in the Village of Mogadore would lessen the accessibility of tobacco to minors and advance the Village's interest in furthering health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the Village of Mogadore.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF MOGADORE, COUNTIES OF SUMMIT AND PORTAGE, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** Section 135.25 ILLEGAL DISTRIBUTION OF CIGARETTES, OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS; TRANSACTION SCANS, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 135.25 ILLEGAL DISTRIBUTION OF CIGARETTES, OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS; TRANSACTION SCANS.**

*(A) Illegal distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products.*