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Bismarck City Commission will be hearing an Ordinance amendment to address mobile tobacco vendors

On September 12th, City of Bismarck Commission Consent Agenda, has introduction and call for a public hearing to amend Title 5 Business Regulations: Chapter 5-11-03 to impede the sale of tobacco products via mobile vendor. Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Tobacco Prevention is requesting the amendment to ordinance 6285. Currently, there is no verbiage addressing mobile tobacco vendors in this ordinance. The amendment ensures that law enforcement can conduct regular compliance checks at a tobacco retailer's permanent place of business. If a retailer sells tobacco products from a vehicle or on foot, it is difficult to conduct tobacco compliance checks and enforce regulations since the retailer doesn't remain in the same locations on a consistent basis. This increases the risk of tobacco sales to minors. We've discussed this amendment with Bismarck Police Department, who are supportive of this change. For more information visit: <http://www.bismarcknd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/2573?fileID=5068>

The public hearing for the ordinance change will be on Tuesday, September 26th. This will move the Bismarck Tobacco Free General Coalition meeting into October. Date of the General Coalition meeting will be revealed shortly.

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