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Title:	Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine - Zoning, Article V, Use Regulations, Chapter 911: Primary Uses, to add Retail: Tobacco, Inhalant, and Cannabinoids, to add specific requirements and conditional use application requirements. (Sent to the Planning Commission for a report & recommendation on 10/15/25) (Report & recommendation received on 04/9/26) (Public Hearing held 05/26/26)		
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6/11/2026	3	Mayor	Signed by the Mayor	
6/9/2026	3	City Council	Passed Finally	Pass
6/3/2026	3	Standing Committees	Affirmatively Recommended	Pass
5/26/2026	3	Committee on Hearings and Policy	Public Hearing Held	
4/15/2026	3	Standing Committees	AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTE	Pass
4/15/2026	3	Standing Committees	Held for Cablecast Public Hearing	Pass
10/8/2025	2	Standing Committees	AMENDED	
10/8/2025	2	Standing Committees	AMENDED	Pass
10/8/2025	2	Standing Committees	Referred for Report and Recommendation	Pass
9/22/2025	1	Standing Committees	Held in Committee	Pass
9/16/2025	1	City Council	Read and referred	

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WHEREAS, per the Centers for Disease Control, electronic cigarette (“vape”) products often contain harmful substances, including nicotine (which is highly addictive and impairs adolescent brain development), heavy

metals, volatile organic compounds, cancer-causing chemicals, and ultra-fine particles that can be inhaled deep into the lungs; and,

WHEREAS, per Johns Hopkins Medicine, exposure to e-cigarette or vapor aerosols, both first-hand and second-hand, has been associated in recent studies with elevated risks of lung disease, high blood pressure, and other adverse health outcomes in both youth and adults; and,

WHEREAS, per a recent review published in *Health & Place*, vape shops act as nodes in the built environment that increase visibility, accessibility, marketing exposure, and normalization of vaping behavior, especially among minors and socially-vulnerable populations; and,

WHEREAS, per a recent study published in the official journal of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, vape shops are disproportionately clustered in urban areas and in neighborhoods with higher poverty rates, minority populations, and lower education levels, potentially exacerbating existing health disparities; and,

WHEREAS, the proximity of vape shops to child-centric uses such as schools increases the likelihood of youth exposure, initiation, and experimentation with vaping; and,

WHEREAS, the public interest in preventing youth nicotine addiction, shielding minors from persuasive advertising or indoor aerosol exposure, and ensuring that retail environments do not contribute disproportionately to health inequities justifies this proposed zoning ordinance under the City of Pittsburgh’s powers to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh ordains as follows:

Section 1. The Pittsburgh Zoning Code, Title Nine: Zoning, Article V: Use Regulations, Chapter 911: Primary Uses, 911.02 - Use Table is hereby amended as follows:

P = Permitted By Right A = Administrator Exception S = Special Exception C = Conditional Use																								
Residential					Mixed Use										Special				D T	RIV				
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911.04.A.103 Retail: Tobacco, Inhalant, and Cannabinoids

- (a) Shall not be located within 1,000 feet of any Elementary or Secondary School, measured from parcel line to parcel line.
- (b) Shall not operate between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.
- (c) No self-service sales shall be permitted.