

## Pueblo's smokeless tobacco regulation working well

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It's been a year since Pueblo's ordinance regulating smokeless tobacco sales went into effect and proponents say there have been no problems and the law is working as intended.

Five retailers opted to stop selling the smokeless tobacco products — mostly e-cigarettes, chewing tobacco — rather than buy the required license, according to figures compiled by the Pueblo City Clerk's Office. There are 119 retailers now licensed to sell the products, effective Jan. 1.

The licenses cost \$100 and are renewable annually.

City records note no complaints or major issues regarding the licensing procedure or other aspects of the new law.

Pueblo police last year issued six citations for selling smokeless tobacco products to minors during two compliance checks conducted before the licenses took effect last month.