

Beverly Hills Moves Forward With Tobacco Ban

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Beverly Hills could become the first city in the United States to ban tobacco sales.

The City Council voted Tuesday to move forward with an ordinance that would prohibit the sale of tobacco products at gas stations, convenience stores, and other establishments within city limits. It also carved out some exemptions, however, such as allowing hotel guests to order cigarettes through the concierge and laying off cigar lounges.

If passed, the new law would take effect January 2021.

“This reflects the values of our community,” said Mayor John Mirisch ([NBC 4](#)). “We are a city that has taken the lead on restricting smoking and promoting public health. Somebody has to be first, so let it be us.”

The Council’s vote follows a recommendation from its health and safety committee.

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