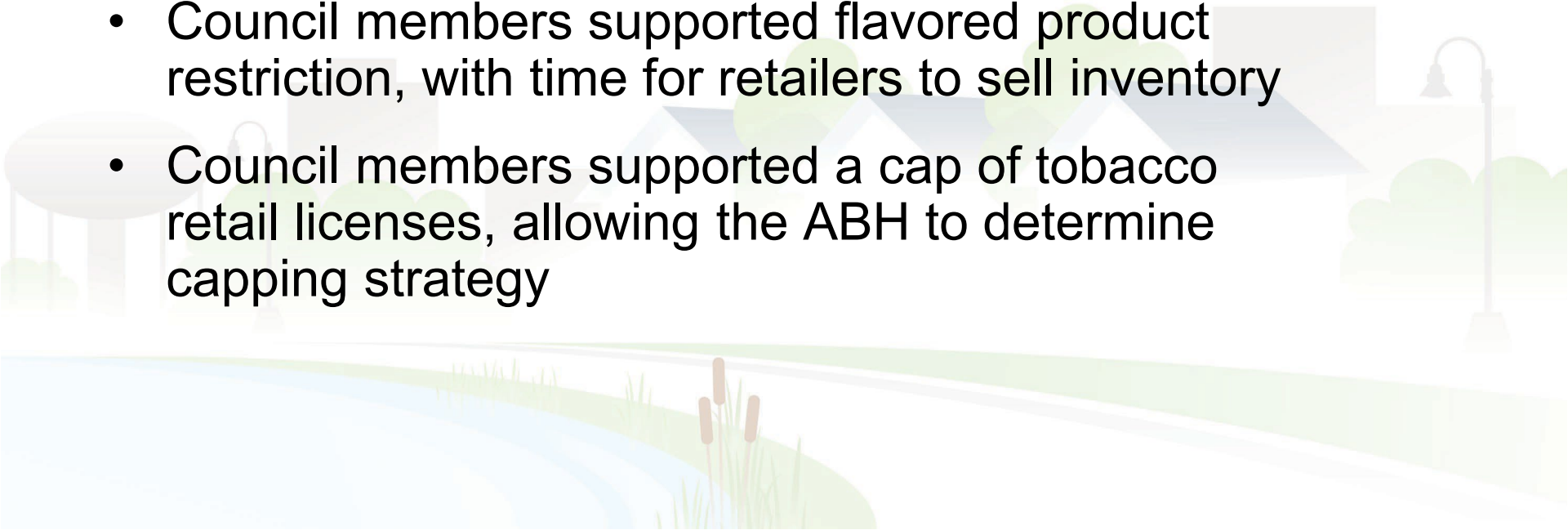




# Section 1146: Tobacco Adult Cannabis update



# Brief Recap

- City Council reviewed a proposed ordinance March 22, 2022, via online work session
  - Proposed ordinance prohibited flavored products and sunset all tobacco licenses by a specific date.
  - Council members supported flavored product restriction, with time for retailers to sell inventory
  - Council members supported a cap of tobacco retail licenses, allowing the ABH to determine capping strategy
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# Staff Recommendations

- Prohibit the sale of flavored products in retail establishments, allowing time for licensed establishments to sell product in inventory.
- Cap retail tobacco licenses at 4.

*If Council chose to cap licenses at 4 (10,000 residents/retail location):*

- *No new licenses issued in Richfield*
- *Existing licenses renewed annually.*
- *As businesses close or change ownership, licenses would expire and not be reissued.*
- *Over time, Richfield would end up with 4 licensed establishments. (Richfield currently licenses 25 establishments)*

# What would a proposed ordinance look like:

- Review definitions and strengthen where possible, properly referencing throughout
- Tobacco Related Device definition would change to Licensed Product definition referencing all products instead of listing them separately.
- New Flavored Product definition
  - *Any licensed product that contains a taste or smell, other than the taste or smell of tobacco, that is distinguishable by an ordinary consumer either prior to or during the consumption of the product, including, but not limited to, any taste or smell relating to chocolate, cocoa, menthol, mint, wintergreen, vanilla, honey, fruit, or any candy, dessert, alcoholic beverage, herb or spice.*
- Prohibits the sale of flavored products
- Amends application language
  - new applications would not be accepted if cap is implemented
- Issuance as privilege and not a right – “The issuance of a license is a privilege and does not entitle the license holder to an automatic renewal of the license.”
- Review of penalty fines and suspension periods

# City Council decisions and possible next steps

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- Flavored product/capping of licenses start date?
- Licensed retailers receive a notice of the proposed ordinance change 30 days prior to first read
- Critical timing discussion



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