

**A SUMMARY OF LICENSING FEES & PROGRESSIVE PENALTIES
FOR RI CITIES/TOWNS WHO HAVE ENACTED
LOCAL RETAIL TOBACCO LICENSING ORDINANCES**

Central Falls

Licensing

- Fee to hold a tobacco dealer license- \$100 per year

Violations

- Don't have a license- fined \$500
- Tobacco Dealer License Holder appears for a show cause hearing in front of the board of licenses (ie: city council)
 - ❖ 1st Offense- \$250
 - ❖ 2nd Offense- \$350
 - ❖ Subsequent Offenses- \$500 per offense
- Additionally, the board may suspend or revoke the license and since this ordinance is located under small business regulations, if there are repeat violations they can also lose the right to have a business in Central Falls
- After 36 consecutive months (ie: 3 yrs) without a violation, any new violation will be treated as a first offense
- All fines collected by the City for said violations shall be used by the Board of Licenses and the Police Department for the purpose of conducting tobacco compliance checks (also can be used to educate the youth in Central Falls about Tobacco however, only the police department can utilize these funds)

Coventry

Licensing

- Fee to hold a tobacco dealer's license- \$0 every year

Violations

- Don't have a license- fined \$300
- Tobacco Dealer License Holder appears in Coventry Municipal Court
 - ❖ 1st Offense- \$300
 - ❖ 2nd Offense- \$300
 - ❖ 3rd Offense- \$300 with a 15 day license suspension
 - ❖ 4th Offense- \$300 with a 60 day license suspension
 - ❖ 5th Offense- \$300 with a 90 day license suspension
 - ❖ 6th Offense- license revocation
- In addition to all fines, the Coventry Municipal Court may impose court costs. After 48 consecutive months (ie: 4 yrs) without a violation, any new violation will be treated as a first offense
- Any Clerk/employee/person selling tobacco to a minor is charged in District court

- All fine money, with the exception of court costs, shall be placed in a separate account to be used by the Coventry Police Department for the purpose of conducting tobacco compliance checks *(not being enforced)*

Cranston

Licensing

- Fee to hold a tobacco dealer license- \$155 per year (annual fee of \$150 plus \$5 processing fee)

Violations

- Don't have a license- fined \$200
- Tobacco Dealer License Holder appears in Cranston Municipal Court
 - ❖ 1st Offense- \$500
 - ❖ 2nd Offense- \$1000
 - ❖ 3rd Offense- \$1000 with a 45 day license suspension
 - ❖ 4th Offense- \$1000 with a 60 day license suspension
 - ❖ 5th Offense- \$1000 with a 90 day license suspension
 - ❖ 6th Offense- license revocation
- After 36 consecutive months (ie: 3 yrs) without a violation, any new violation will be treated as a first offense
- Any Clerk/employee/person selling tobacco to a minor is charged in District court
- All fine money, with the exception of court costs, shall be placed in a separate account to be used by the Cranston police department for the purpose of conducting tobacco compliance checks

Johnston

Licensing

- Fee to hold a tobacco dealer license- \$100 per year

Violations

- Don't have a license- fined \$500
- Tobacco Dealer License Holder appears for a show cause hearing in front of the board of licenses (ie: town council)
- New ordinance that just recently passed- waiting on obtaining final violation info

Providence

Licensing

- Fee to hold a tobacco dealer license- \$100 per year
- License must also be displayed conspicuously in store

Violations

- Don't have a license- fined \$500
- Tobacco Dealer License Holder appears for a show cause hearing in front of the board of licenses
 - ❖ 1st Offense- \$250
 - ❖ 2nd Offense- \$350
 - ❖ Subsequent Offenses- \$500 per offense
- Additionally, the board may suspend or revoke the license
- After 36 consecutive months (ie: 3 yrs) without a violation, any new violation will be treated as a first offense
- Any Clerk/employee/person selling tobacco to a minor is charged in District court
- It is the intent of this legislation that all fines collected by the city hereunder shall be used by the board of licenses and the police department for the purpose of conducting tobacco compliance checks (*may not always happen in practice due to budget restraints*)

Richmond

Licensing

- Fee to hold a tobacco dealer license- \$50 per year (annual fee of \$25 plus additional administrative fee of \$25)

Violations

- Don't have a license- fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days, or both. Each day of operation of public laundry-without a license, after due notice from the town council, shall be deemed a separate offense.
- Ordinance set-up to be able to fine the person, business, or establishment, or an employee or agent of a business or establishment
 - ❖ 1st Offense- \$250
 - ❖ 2nd Offense- \$500 within any thirty-six (36) month period
 - ❖ 3rd Offense- \$1000 within any thirty-six (36) month period
 - ❖ Subsequent Offenses- \$1500 for each violation in excess of three (3) within any thirty-six (36) month period
- In addition to the above penalties, violations shall be punishable by license suspension or revocation pursuant to section 5.04.060.
- All fines collected for violations of this Chapter shall be transferred to the Town of Richmond and shall be placed in a segregated account to fund police department enforcement of this Chapter

Tiverton

Licensing

- Fee to hold a tobacco dealer license- \$25 per year

Violations

- Don't have a license- fined \$250
- Violator appears in municipal court and tobacco dealer license holder appears before the Town Council
 - ❖ 1st, 2nd & 3rd violations- fine of \$300 plus court costs to each (violation and dealer)
- Subsequent violations- shall receive penalties including additional fines, suspensions or revocations as further prescribed by law.

- The status of the license shall be decided during the hearing by the town council sitting as the board of license commissioners.

Warwick

Licensing

- Fee to hold a tobacco dealer's license- \$0 every 3 years
- All retailers holding a valid state license shall receive approval from the board for this license and no fee shall be required.

Violations

- Don't have a license- fined \$250
- Tobacco dealer license holder appears in City Municipal Court
 - ❖ 1st Offense- \$300
 - ❖ 2nd Offense- \$300
 - ❖ 3rd Offense- \$300 with a 15 day license suspension
 - ❖ 4th Offense- \$300 with a min 30 day- max 90 day license suspension
 - ❖ 5th Offense- \$300 with a min 60 day- max 120 day license suspension
 - ❖ 6th Offense- license revocation
- After 48 consecutive months (ie: 4 yrs) without a violation, any new violation will be treated as a first offense
- In addition to all fines, the Warwick City Municipal Court will impose court costs

West Warwick

Licensing

- A fee to be set from time to time by the Town Council
- One time fee to obtain a local tobacco license- \$100
- Annual License Fee in 2017- \$25 per year

Violations

- Don't have a license- fined \$250
- Tobacco Dealer License Holder appears for a show cause hearing in front of the board of licenses (ie: city council)
 - ❖ 1st Offense- \$250
 - ❖ 2nd Offense- \$500
 - ❖ 3rd Offense- \$1000 and a 14 day suspension of the license for the third violation within any 36 month period
 - ❖ Subsequent Offenses- \$1500 and a 90 day suspension of the license for each violation in excess of 3
 - ❖ All licensees are subject to a compliance check at least once a year, with violators being checked more frequently until two checks are completed without a violation

Woonsocket

Licensing

- Fee to hold a tobacco dealer license- \$120 per year (as per stated in the ordinance; first letter which went out stated \$75)- they are still finalizing amount

Violations

- Don't have a license- fined \$500
- Tobacco Dealer License Holder appears for a show cause hearing in front of the board of licenses (ie: city council)
- Violations are being reviewed now and they will possibly be increased in the next few weeks.
 - ❖ 1st Offense- \$250
 - ❖ 2nd Offense- \$500
 - ❖ Subsequent Offenses- \$750 per offense
- Additionally, the board may suspend or revoke the license
- After 36 consecutive months (ie: 3 yrs) without a violation, any new violation will be treated as a first offense
- All fines collected by the City for said violations shall be used by the Board of Licenses and the Police Department for the purpose of conducting tobacco compliance checks