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Albany Common Council to Consider Smoke and Vape Shop Density Regulations

ALBANY, NY – The Albany Common Council will consider Ordinance 3.21.24, a proposal to amend the City's Unified Sustainable Development Ordinance in relation to smoke or vape shops, at its Monday, August 5 7:00 PM meeting. If enacted, the ordinance would set guidelines for the density of new smoke or vape shops in the City, clarifying existing regulations and setting the stage for a broader conversation around tobacco retail in Albany.

Councilman Owusu Anane, sponsor of Ordinance 3.21.24 and representative of the City's 10th Ward, will hold a press conference on the legislative efforts on Monday, August 5 at 6:00 PM in the City Hall Rotunda (first floor). Councilman Anane will be joined by advocates from Tobacco-Free Communities.

Despite Centers for Disease Control and Prevention findings that smoking is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States, the Code of the City of Albany contains few regulations on tobacco retail. Ordinance 3.21.24 and related efforts to address tobacco use in the City are one part of ongoing local, county, state, and federal initiatives to ensure healthier lives for Albany residents.

A copy of Ordinance 3.21.24 is attached [here](#).

What: Albany Common Council Meeting considering Smoke and Vape Shop Density Regulations
Date: Monday, August 5, 2024
Time: 6 PM Press Conference, 7 PM Meeting
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