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The banning of flavored tobacco is a bad idea.

You are going to open the city to lawsuits that I will end up paying for through my taxes.

You will not change behaviors. If somehow children are acquiring these products, they will continue to do so by people bringing them in through Lolo or Frenchtown. Nothing will change.

The product is currently legal and to create more restrictions for citizens is just paying into their preconceptions of liberals curtailing their rights in an effort to progress the Council's personal agenda through force of law.

It seems to me the Missoula City Council is doing their best to alienate their constituency, and I am one that is beginning to question your choices.

I am generally a straight-up liberal voter that is very socially progressive, but I have my limits. With apologies to the conservatives on the Council, I am stating that I would very much dislike having to support a Republican for City Council in the future, but that it the way this thing is headed.

I NEVER write letters in to you guys, and you should ask yourself why someone like me would choose to do so. I neither drink nor smoke nor imbibe of any mind-altering substances, so I have no skin in the game. I just very much dislike your heavy-handed approach to determining other individual's life paths.

Stop it. Please.

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