Sabetha raises age to purchase tobacco products

(KNZA)--The minimum age to purchase tobacco products in the city of Sabetha has been raised to 21.

The Sabetha City Commission unanimously this week approved an ordinance making the change.

The ordinance makes it unlawful to sell, give or furnish cigarettes and other tobacco related products to any person under the age of 21. The current minimum age is 18, for buying products such as cigarettes, e-cigarettes, tobacco products and liquid nicotine

The Sabetha Herald reports the Commission took the action after learning the city of Topeka was successful in passing a similar ordinance last month.

The Kansas Supreme Court ruled last month that cities have the power to raise the age for buying tobacco products even though state law sets it at 18.

More than 20 cities and counties in Kansas have set the age at 21.

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