

WAC 314-10-110 Penalties, suspension notices, posting or advertising of—Other closing notices prohibited. (1) The liquor and cannabis board may suspend or revoke a retailer's or sampler's license for violation of the board's administrative rules governing tobacco. Further, the board may impose a monetary penalty in lieu of license suspension for violation of said rules not covered by statute.

(2) Licensees are required to maintain compliance with all tobacco laws and regulations during any period of suspension. Whenever the board shall suspend the license of any licensee, the board shall on the date the suspension becomes effective cause to be posted in a conspicuous place on or about the licensed premises a notice in a form to be prescribed by the board, stating that the license or licenses have been suspended by order of board because of violation of the Washington state laws or the regulations.

(3) During the period of suspension:

(a) No person shall remove, alter, cover, or in any way disturb the posted notice(s) of suspension;

(b) No person shall place, permit or allow to be placed in, at, or upon the licensed premises, any notice or statement of reasons or purpose indicating that the premises have been closed or that sale of tobacco products has been discontinued for any reason other than as stated in the notice of suspension; Provided Further, That the prohibition of this subsection shall apply to any nearby or adjacent property, such as a parking lot area that is owned by or under the control of the licensee.

(c) Neither the licensee nor his/her or its employees shall advertise, either by newspaper, radio, television, handbill, brochure, flyer or by any means whatever, that the licensed premises are closed or discontinuing the sale of tobacco products for any reason(s) other than those stated in the board's suspension notices.

(4) A tobacco licensee may operate the business during the period of suspension provided there is no sale or distribution of tobacco products.

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