

Oregon will soon ban flavored vaping products

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Oregon will ban all flavored vaping products starting Tuesday as federal officials remain stumped about exactly what's causing severe lung injuries associated with e-cigarettes.

The action followed Gov. Kate Brown's order last week that the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and the Oregon Health Authority put a six-month ban on the products — both those with THC, the active chemical in marijuana, and those with nicotine.

Sales of unflavored vaping products will continue. If in the coming weeks or months investigators connect other products to lung injuries, they will also be banned, the governor said.

Flavored marijuana vaping ban

OLCC chair Paul Rosenbaum told the people packed into the commission's meeting room Friday that his board's goal was not to get into the way of the legal marijuana industry. But the agency's first concern always must be safety, he said.

"The public health and safety of the constituents of this state are the most important thing that we have," Rosenbaum said.

The OLCC will conduct retail inspections starting Tuesday, the agency's compliance director said. Under the temporary rules, marijuana retailers and processors that keep making or selling the products could lose their license.

The flavored THC-product ban includes all vape products flavored with chemicals that aren't extracted from marijuana, even if the chemicals extracted from other plants are identical to the ones found naturally in marijuana.

John Thompson, owner of the vape oil production company Sublime Solutions, said he was disappointed by the decision.

"I may lose my business next week," Thompson said.

Up to 70% of what his company produces includes flavor chemicals, called terpenes, that are extracted from plants other than marijuana.

To give marijuana oils a natural taste, producers can extract terpenes from marijuana and then reintroduce them to vape oils. But terpene varieties in some marijuana strains can be extracted from other plants that aren't as expensive to process. The ban would include vape juice with such chemicals.

Nicotine vaping ban

The Oregon Health Authority, which regulates tobacco products, on Friday published a Tuesday ban on nicotine vaping products, spokesman Jonathan Modie said.

E-cigarettes with nicotine have flooded the retail market in recent years and have been linked to a rise in youth use of the products. Nicotine liquids come in a wide variety of flavors, such as mango, vanilla and blueberry, and can contain concentrations of nicotine that far exceed conventional cigarettes.

Oregon is one of few states that doesn't have a centralized tobacco and nicotine e-cigarette retailer oversight system, leaving most regulation of tobacco sales to the cities and counties that decide independently to regulate them.

Oregon now officially joins a host of states that have banned or tried to ban flavored e-cigarettes, including Washington, even as the cause of the epidemic remains unknown.

The first death, in Illinois, was announced Aug. 23. The second death, in Oregon, was announced in early September, although the person died in July.

Officials say they know of 1,299 people in 49 states who have fallen ill and 26 who have died from lung disease connected to vaping.

As of Tuesday, nine Oregonians have fallen ill and two have died. Five of them bought THC products at legal retail stores. State health officials have cautioned against coming to conclusions about Oregon's legal marijuana vaping products.

OBITUARIES

Christopher Jay Douglas Boyle Wilson

Seaside

Dec. 21, 1985 — Sept. 28, 2019

Christopher Jay Douglas Boyle Wilson, 33, of Seaside, Oregon, died Sept. 28, 2019, in Seaside.

He was born Dec. 21, 1985, in Astoria, Oregon, the son of the late Dorothy "Cis" Wilson and the late Douglas Boyle. He was the youngest of three siblings.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Johnson, of Seaside; his brother, Mike (and Krysta) Wilson, and their three girls, of Vancouver, Washington; his sister, Misty Wilson, and



Christopher Wilson

her five children, of Warrenton, Oregon; many aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family members; and many, many wonderful friends.

A celebration of life was held at the Pacific Grange on Friday, Oct. 11.

Any donations can be made in person or on our Facebook fundraiser page at bit.ly/CJDB-Wilson to help with expenses.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Betty Lucille Chilson

Astoria

May 29, 1938 — Sept. 18, 2019

Betty Lucille Chilson passed away peacefully on Sept. 18, 2019.

She was born May 29, 1938, in Hubbard, Oregon, to Henry and Eva Lois.

Betty raised five children with her husband, Kenneth Chilson, all while working full time. As the children grew up, Ken and Betty moved to Seaside to run Hara's Restaurant, later moving to Astoria to own the Jeffers Gardens Inn.

After Ken's death in 1990, Betty kept right on working, spanning a total of 41 years.

Betty leaves many friends and family members behind. She will also leave a big hole in everyone's heart who knew her.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 1 p.m. at the American Legion in Astoria, Oregon.

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Schnitzer will demolish never-used Wapato Jail

By REBECCA ELLIS
Oregon Public Broadcasting

The frustrated owner of north Portland's never-used Wapato Jail has announced he will bulldoze the facility in the coming months — unless someone comes up with funding to convert the facility into a homeless shelter in the next two weeks.

Jordan Schnitzer, president of Harsch Investment Properties, said Thursday he planned to sign a demolition contract by the month's end. Assuming no last minute stakeholder steps in, Schnitzer said his company will break ground on a new warehouse in its place by early spring.

Schnitzer said he was "sickened" that a year-and-a-half-long quest to convert the 150,000-square foot jail into a shelter would end with the facility reduced to rubble. But city leaders, along with local nonprofits, had been reticent to place the city's homeless in adapted jail cells 11 miles away from Portland's downtown core. And Schnitzer had held he needed their buy-in to forge ahead with the plan.

"After 18 months and a million or two in costs, we have no choice but to say that's it," Schnitzer told reporters at a press conference. "We still have not gotten anything in writing to do a lease."

Multnomah County finished the \$58 million jail in 2004, but never came up with the money to operate it. The county sold the facility in 2018 to developer Marty Kehoe, who in turn sold it to Schnitzer.

Within a few months, Schnitzer warned the project might be doomed due to lack of



Kayo Lackey/Oregon Public Broadcasting

Jordan Schnitzer said he will bulldoze the Wapato Jail in the coming months unless someone comes up with funding to convert the building into a homeless shelter.

funds. He filed for a demolition permit last November.

Still, Schnitzer apparently held onto hope that a well-heeled funder would step in to save the facility. Just last month, he appeared in a promotional video advocating for the facility to be converted to a "wellness center" for the area's homeless, saying it was "all set to go."

But, as the The Oregonian reported, time has almost run out on the demolition permit, which is set to expire at the end of October.

In a statement Wednesday, Multnomah County said it was glad that Schnitzer had "reached the conclusion that he can't afford to warehouse people in this remote jail." It was clear, they said, that it was "the wrong building in the wrong place."

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
60 44 Cloudy	57 42 Mostly cloudy	59 43 Partly sunny	57 48 Cloudy, rain possible	59 47 Rain	59 46 Showers possible	56 44 Chance of rain

ALMANAC
Astoria through Thursday
Temperatures: High/low 60/32, Normal high/low 63/45, Record high 83 in 1991, Record low 32 in 2019
Precipitation: Thursday 0.00", Month to date 0.93", Normal month to date 1.32", Year to date 32.72", Normal year to date 41.56"

UNDER THE SKY
Tonight's Sky: Orion stands to its southeast, with Sirius, the sky's brightest star.
Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON
Sunrise today 7:28 a.m., Sunset tonight 6:35 p.m., Moonrise today 6:38 p.m., Moonset today 6:02 a.m.

TODAY'S TIDES
Astoria / Port Docks: 12:54 a.m. 7.1, 7:13 a.m. 0.5, 1:21 p.m. 7.6, 7:40 p.m. 0.5
Cape Disappointment: 12:32 a.m. 6.8, 6:31 a.m. 0.5, 12:58 p.m. 7.1, 6:52 p.m. 0.5
Hammond: 12:42 a.m. 7.3, 6:45 a.m. 0.6, 1:06 p.m. 7.8, 7:12 p.m. 0.6
Warrenton: 12:49 a.m. 7.5, 6:57 a.m. 0.6, 1:16 p.m. 8.0, 7:24 p.m. 0.6
Knappa: 1:31 a.m. 7.4, 8:14 a.m. 0.4, 1:58 p.m. 7.9, 8:41 p.m. 0.4
Depoe Bay: 12:12 p.m. 7.9, 5:57 a.m. 1.0, none, 6:22 p.m. 1.2

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	79/61/c	72/62/t
Boston	60/54/r	68/52/pc
Chicago	52/41/pc	52/36/pc
Dallas	67/52/s	76/62/s
Denver	65/31/s	71/39/pc
Honolulu	86/75/pc	86/76/pc
Houston	69/57/pc	77/65/pc
Los Angeles	84/58/s	78/58/s
Miami	86/75/pc	87/78/pc
New York City	69/55/pc	67/54/pc
Phoenix	90/63/s	91/64/s
San Francisco	74/51/s	69/51/s
Wash., DC	75/53/pc	69/56/r
Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.		

REGIONAL FORECAST
Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	58/46	72/62/t	Wenatchee	56/40	
Tacoma	58/42		Moses Lake	59/39	
Olympia	58/41		Yakima	58/37	
Longview	60/44		Kennewick	60/38	
Astoria	60/44		Walla Walla	60/40	
Portland	62/47		Hermiston	62/39	
Salem	62/44		Pendleton	60/40	
Corvallis	64/43		La Grande	60/38	
Eugene	65/45		John Day	66/41	
Bend	64/38		Burns	62/26	
Medford	72/45		Klamath Falls	66/31	
Aberdeen	59/44		Pullman	59/37	
Lewiston	62/40		Enterprise	59/37	
Ontario	61/30		Caldwell	61/29	

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