

## Chicago Merchant Interviews: Recruitment Script and Screener

Hello my name is \_\_\_\_\_ from the University of Illinois at Chicago. May I speak with either the store owner or manager?

I am calling to ask if you would be willing to participate in a short interview funded by the Federal Drug Administration. The interview is part of a study looking at how the ban on the sale of tobacco products within 500 feet of schools in the City of Chicago affects the retail environment. You are one of approximately 100 tobacco retailers in the City of Chicago that we will be interviewing for this study. Without your participation we will not have a complete understanding of the effect of this ban on tobacco retailers.

The questions we will ask are about the flavored tobacco products ban and whether this ban had an effect on your retail location and sales. This interview should not take more than 10 to 15 minutes. **Your answers to the interview questions will be kept confidential.** We will be recording your responses to the questions for analysis purposes only. We will not be sharing these recordings or the transcripts with any other parties except the UIC evaluation team, and will be destroyed upon conclusion of the study.

Your participation is completely voluntary and you can skip any questions that you do not want to answer. Your name will be replaced with a number and your individual responses will not be made publically available--they will be combined with the responses from other retailers.

There are no perceived risks or benefits for your participation in this study. However, the information you provide will be used to better understand this policy. If you have questions about the study you can call the Principal Investigator, Sandy Slater, at 312-413-0475 or email her at [sslater@uic.edu](mailto:sslater@uic.edu) If you have questions about your rights as a study participant, you can call the Office of the Protection of Research Subjects at UIC. They can be reached at 312-996-1711.

For your participation in the interview, we would like to send you a \$40 check. At the end of the interview we will take your contact information so we can send you the check by mail.

**Do you agree to participate in this interview?**

**If no:** Okay, thank you for your time and have a nice day.

**If yes:** Thank you for agreeing to participate in the interview. Your participation is much appreciated. Does this time work or would you like to schedule a more convenient time to talk?

**If scheduling a later time,** ask screener questions below and then schedule time.

**If continuing with interview,** ask screener questions below and proceed with interview guide.

### SCREENER QUESTIONS

**S1.** Are you the store owner or store manager?

\_\_Yes

\_\_No

IF S1 = Yes, SCHEDULE INTERVIEW

IF S1= No, READ: Is the manager or store owner available? If yes, request to speak with him/her, if no then ask when would be a good time to call back.

**S2.** Would you be comfortable doing the interview in English?

Yes [Continue]

No [End interview]

IF S3 = No, READ: Thank you for your time, but at this time we are only able to do the interviews in English.

**S3.** Are you at least 18 years old?

Yes [Continue]

No [End interview]

IF S4 = No, READ: Thank you for your time, but at this time we are only doing interviews with managers or owners who are at least 18.

**ASK S4 IF WE DO NOT KNOW THE TYPE OF STORE**

**S4.** Can you tell me what type of store you work at or own? For example, is it a convenience store, a gas station, grocery store, or mass-merchandise?

Convenience store

Gas Station

Grocery Store

Mass-Merchandise

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_