

Preventing Harms from Flavored Tobacco

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About Gina Johnson



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Previous work includes, Chemical Health
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Fun Fact: I like to share jokes

Goodhue County SHIP

Our mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of Goodhue County residents by making it be easier to be active, eat nutritious foods, and live tobacco -free.



History

1997: Youth Access Bill

2007: MN Passes Smoke -Free Law

2009: Flavored Cigarettes Banned

2014: Ecigarettes prohibited indoors in public schools, public buildings, and other public spaces

2024: Limited Flavor Policy



The Problem

100% of 8th and 9th grade students, in Goodhue County, who reported vaping used candy or dessert flavored products.

MSS 2025



Flavors



15,000 Flavor Options



Health Impacts

Nicotine

Brain Development

Mental Health

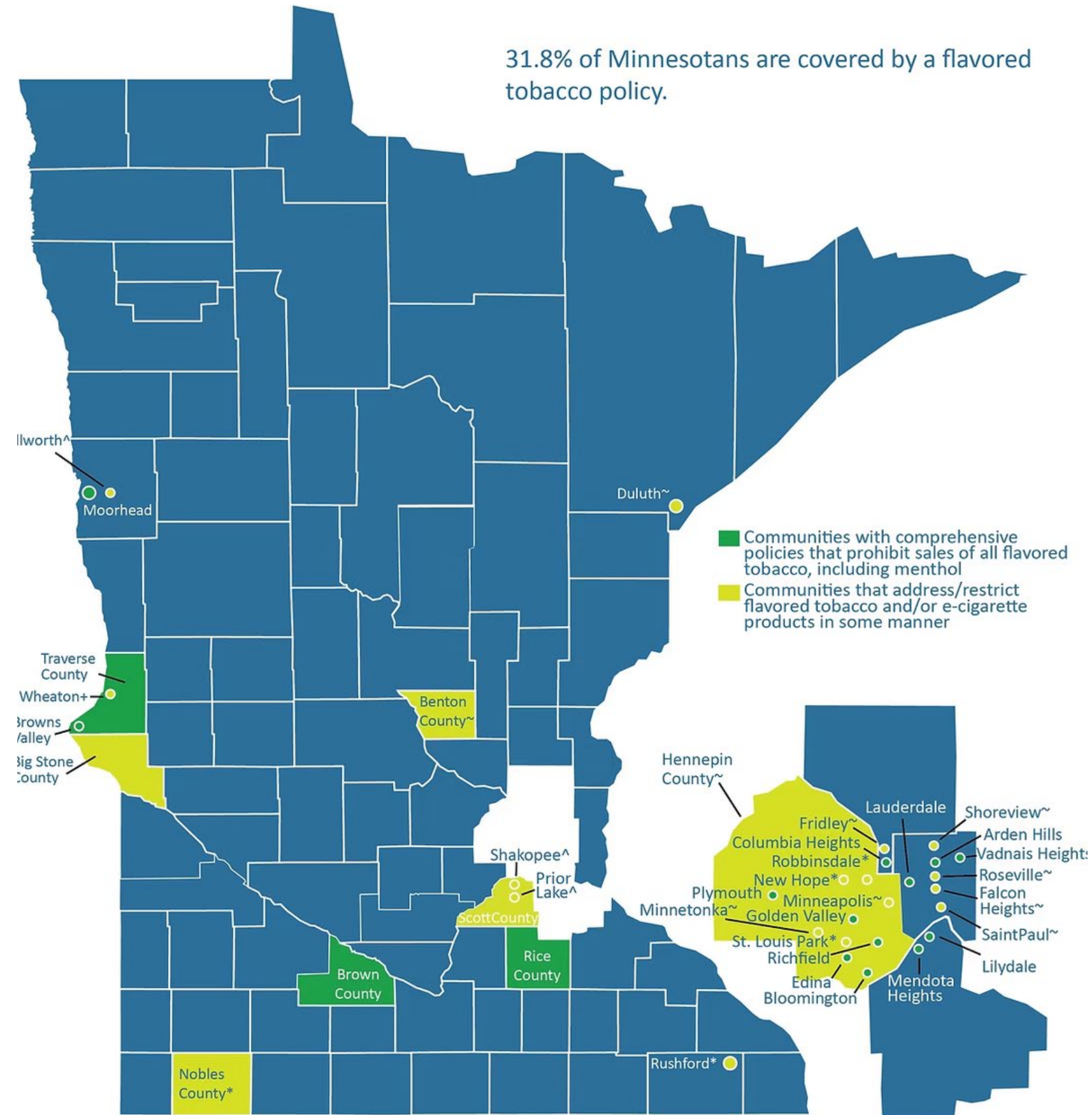


Schools

Lake City Public Schools
reports that **100%** of vapes
confiscated from students were
flavored ; [Ariana Wright,](#)
[Superintendent](#) .



Minnesota communities addressing the sale of flavored commercial tobacco products



Community

Compliance Checks

9 cities/towns with their own ordinance

1 county ordinance

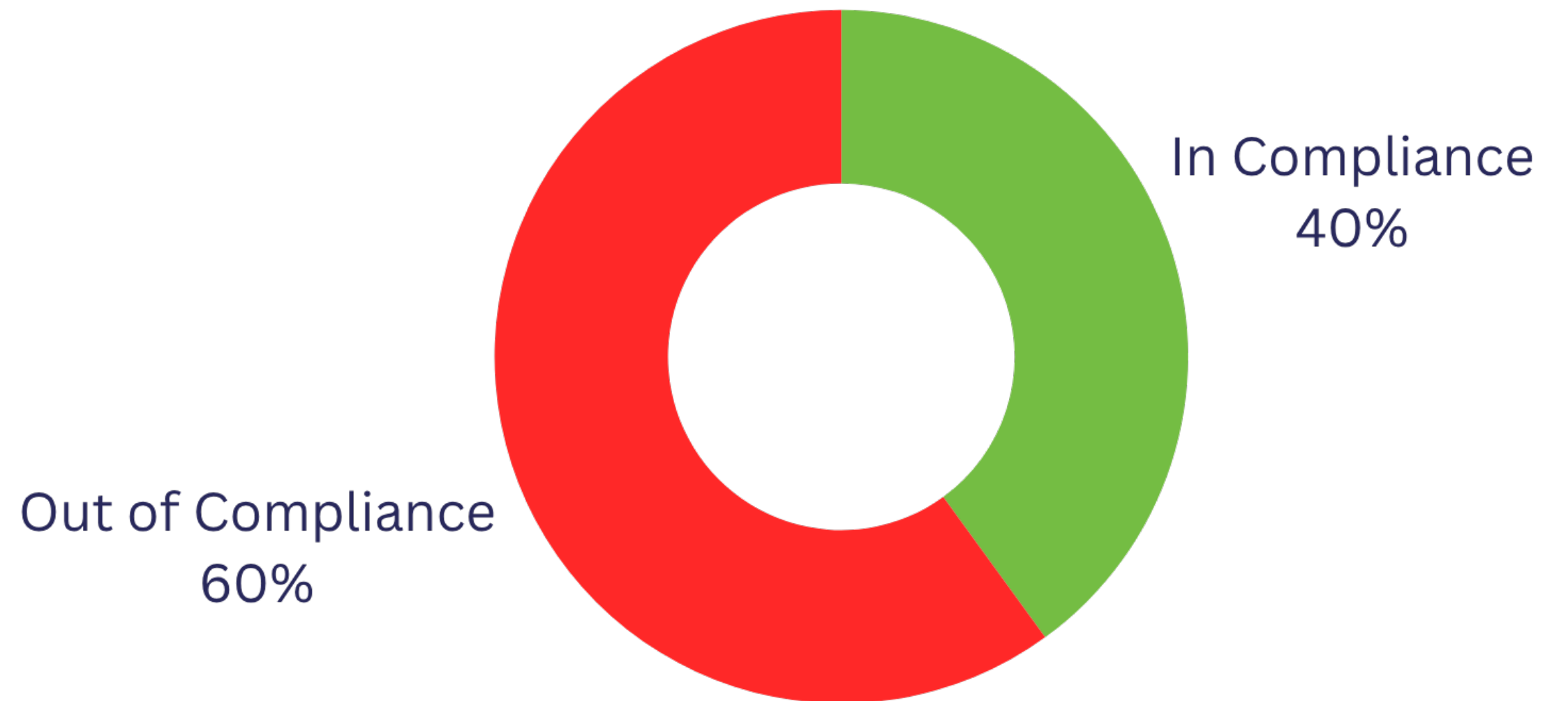
33 Tobacco Licenses

Gaps and Opportunities

1998 -2024

***Goodhue County's
was updated 2020**

Tobacco Retailer Ordinances



Tobacco Free Grounds



Lake City Flavors Ordinance



Gina Johnson and Tina Moen at Tabling Event at Lake City Farmers Market

Possible Actions

Update and strengthen

Update and strengthen Goodhue County's tobacco retailer ordinance.

Implement

Implement a Tobacco Free Grounds policy.

Support

Support the prohibition of flavored tobacco products in Lake City, MN.