

# Lowell Tobacco Control Monthly Report December/2018

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## Lowell

### Inspections

Twenty one routine inspections have been conducted this month so far. There have been a few signage violations, all corrected before leaving the premises.

### Pricing Surveys

I've conducted pricing surveys at 15 establishments this month, so far.

### Compliance Checks

No compliance checks were conducted this month. The following is the status of establishments that have requested a clerk-magistrate hearing:

**Mill City Tobacco – 104 Merrimack St      Ticket issued: \$100 (allowed a minor to enter)**

The retailer has come in and paid the fine.

**Rt. 110 Mart/BP - 137 Andover St                      Ticket issued: \$200 (paid)**

The retailer has returned from India. A BOH hearing to discuss the suspension of his Tobacco Product Sales Permit has been scheduled to Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

**7-Eleven 33097A - 55 Chelmsford St              Ticket issued: \$100**

The Lowell District Court has not scheduled the hearing yet.

### Tobacco Permit Renewals

Out of 117 establishments, 112 have already had their permits issued and mailed out.

### Articles

**FDA alerts consumers not to use two e-liquids by HelloCig**  
*Article attached*

# FDA alerts consumers not to use two e-liquids sold by HelloCig Electronic Technology

[12/11/2018] The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is alerting consumers, particularly males, not to purchase or use two e-liquids sold by HelloCig Electronic Technology Co. Ltd. that contain undeclared prescription drugs tadalafil and/or sildenafil. FDA laboratory analysis confirmed "E-Cialis HelloCig E-Liquid" contains the undeclared drugs sildenafil and tadalafil, and "E-Rimonabant HelloCig E-Liquid" contains the undeclared drug sildenafil.

These undeclared ingredients may interact with nitrates found in some prescription drugs such as nitroglycerin and may lower blood pressure to dangerous levels. People with diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or heart disease often take nitrates.

Sildenafil and tadalafil are the active pharmaceutical ingredients in FDA-approved prescription drugs used to treat erectile dysfunction. These FDA-approved prescription drugs are not approved for inclusion in e-liquid products sold over the counter and are therefore being sold illegally.

FDA recently warned HelloCig of these issues and contacted the company several times to recommend they recall these products due to the risks to consumers. However, HelloCig has not responded to the agency's recommendation. Therefore, FDA urges consumers to stop using these products and to contact their health care professional with any concerns associated with their use.

To date, FDA is not aware of any adverse events associated with the use of HelloCig's products. FDA encourages health care professionals and consumers to report adverse reactions experienced with the use of these products to the [FDA's MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting \(/Safety/MedWatch/ucm2005699.htm\)](https://www.fda.gov/medwatch/ucm2005699.htm) program by:

- Completing and submitting the report online at [www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm) (<https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/medwatch/index.cfm?action=reporting.home>); or
- Downloading and completing the form, then submit it via fax at 1-800-FDA-0178.

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