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City Cannabis Regulations

August 13, 2025

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(Passed by City Council
September 18, 2024)
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Background

- Minnesota's Adult-Use Cannabis Law, State Statute, Chapter 342, passed in 2023, amended in 2024 and 2025
 - Legalized the possession, use, manufacturing, and sale of certain cannabis products within the state.
 - Created the State's Office of Cannabis Management
 - Created 14 different cannabis business license types
- Office of Cannabis Management began licensing a limited number of cannabis businesses in 2025





Minnesota Statute License Types

❖ 16 license types under statute

License Type	Business Activity					
	Retail Sales	Wholesale	Cannabis Cultivation	Cannabis Product Manufacturing	On-site Consumption	Other Activity
Cannabis Microbusiness	X	X	X	X	X	
Cannabis Mezzobusiness	X	X	X	X		
Cannabis Cultivator		X	X			
Cannabis Manufacturer		X		X		
Cannabis Retailer	X					
Cannabis Wholesaler		X				
Cannabis Transporter						X
Cannabis Testing Facility						X
Cannabis Event Organizer						X
Cannabis Delivery Service						X
Medical Cannabis Cultivator		X	X			
Medical Cannabis Processor		X		X		
Medical Cannabis Retailer	X					
Medical Cannabis Combination Business.	X	X	X	X		
Lower-potency Hemp Edible Manufacturer				X		
Lower-potency Hemp Edible Retailer	X				X	



State vs. City Responsibilities

State Responsibilities

Licensing Businesses

- Business operations
- Security plan/camera requirements
- Age requirements
- Advertising prohibitions
- Etc.

Enforcement

- Violations of state law
- Cannabis business violations of local ordinances can be referred to them. (zoning etc.)

City Responsibilities

Zoning (PED) (Passed by Council Sept. 18, 2024)

- Location of businesses
- Separation requirements
- Size of businesses, etc.

Zoning, Building, and Fire Code Approval (DSI)

- Review and approve compliance of all proposed businesses

Registering Retail Businesses (DSI)

- Collect fees
- Ensure compliance with city ordinances
- Youth compliance checks

Approval of Temporary Cannabis Event Permits (DSI)



City Role in Regulation



A cannabis business applies for a license through the Office of Cannabis Management.



OCM consults city for zoning approval and feedback.



Cities issue registrations to certain cannabis businesses once they receive a license.



Cities conduct compliance checks and may suspend registrations if needed.

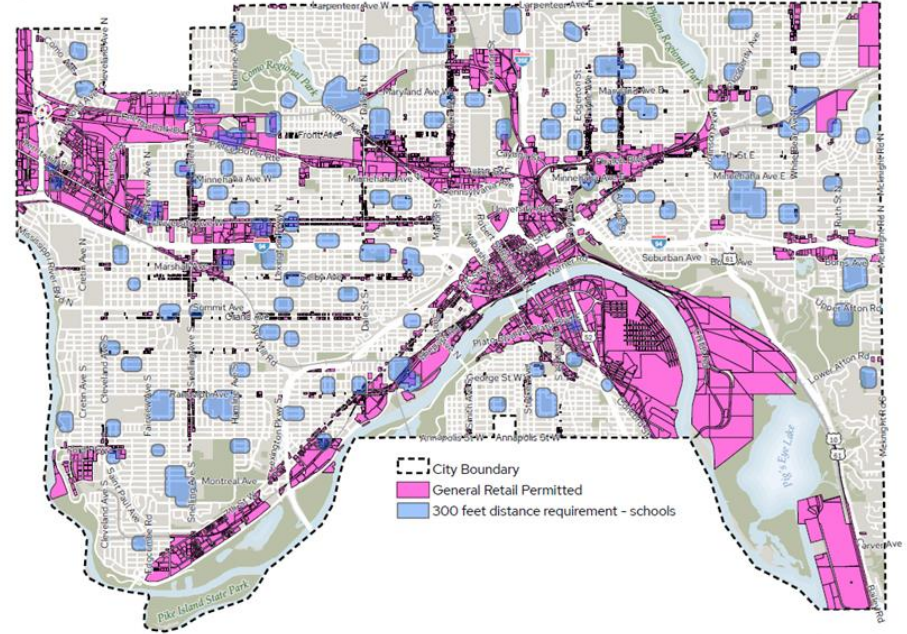


Cities may collect registration fees etc.



Wednesday, February 14, 2024

- Allowed in mixed use areas, commercial corridors, neighborhood nodes
- Prohibited within 300 feet of schools
- Business over 15,000 square feet require a CUP, except in Industrial Districts



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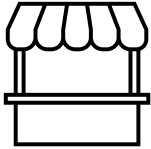
City Registration of Certain Cannabis Retailers

- Prior to making retail sales, certain Cannabis Retailers must register with the City
- City may, by ordinance, limit the number of retail registrations issued in the City
 - Statute allows limits to no fewer than 1 for every 12,500 residents
 - We propose **no limit** on the number of registrations the City may issue



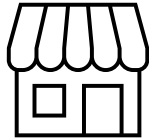


Cannabis License Types Required to Register with the City



Cannabis Microbusiness

- Cultivate cannabis and manufacture cannabis products and hemp products, and package such products for sale to customers or another licensed cannabis business. Microbusiness may also operate a **single** retail location.



Cannabis Mezzobusiness

- Cultivate cannabis and manufacture cannabis products and hemp products, and package such products for sale to customers or another licensed cannabis business. Mezzobusiness may also operate up to **three** retail locations.



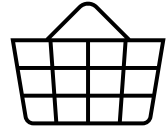
Cannabis Retailer

- Sell immature cannabis plants and seedlings, cannabis, cannabis products, hemp products, and other products authorized by law to customers 21 years of age and older. May operate up to **five** retail locations



Medical Cannabis Combination Business

- Cultivate cannabis and manufacture cannabis and hemp products, and package such products for sale to customers, patients, or another licensed cannabis business. May transport adult-use cannabis and medical cannabis and deliver medical cannabis to patients. May operate up to **one** retail location in **each** congressional district.



Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Retailer

- Sell and deliver lower-potency hemp edibles to customers 21 years of age and older.



City Must Issue Registrations to Retailers Who:

- Have a valid license or preliminary approval from the Office of Cannabis Management;
- Have paid the registration fee;
- Are current on all property taxes and assessments at the retail location; and
- Are in compliance with City Code, including zoning, building, and fire codes



Proposed Operating Requirements

- Allowable Hours of Operation
 - Mondays – Saturdays 8AM-10PM
 - Sundays 10AM-9PM
 - Exception: For retailers holding a City liquor license, the hours of operation for the cannabis retail business may coincide with the hours of operation of liquor license.
- Retailer required to provide free-of-charge hazardous waste collection for used e-cigarettes and/or vaping devices



Age Compliance Checks

- DSI required to complete at least one unannounced age verification compliance check per calendar year at each registered retailer
- If the retailer fails the compliance check, the City may suspend the registration and must inform the Office of Cannabis Management



Temporary Cannabis Events

MN Statute 342

Temporary Cannabis Events are events that last up to 4 days that feature cannabis products. Events may or may not allow on-site consumption of cannabis products.



Temporary Cannabis Events MUST:

- Receive City approval
- Be limited to attendees ages 21 and older
- Not sell or permit consumption of alcohol or tobacco
- Have security services



Temporary Cannabis Events: Proposed City Requirements

- No more than three four-day, four three-day, six two-day, or 12 one-day permits, in any combination not to exceed 12 days per year, may be issued to any one organization or location. (Same City requirement for temporary wine and liquor licenses)
- Permits may be approved **with or without** on-site consumption.
- Smoking of cannabis products may not occur where smoking is prohibited under state law and city code
- Event organizer must provide free-of-charge hazardous waste collection for e-cigarettes/vaping devices



Fees

Type of Business	Initial Registration Fee	Renewal Fee
Cannabis microbusiness with retail operations endorsement*	\$0	\$1,000
Cannabis mezzobusiness with a retail operations endorsement*	\$500	\$1,000
Cannabis retailer*	\$500	\$1,000
Lower-potency hemp edible retailer*	\$125	\$125
Medical cannabis combination business operating a retail location*	\$500	\$1,000
	Permit Fee	
Temporary Cannabis Event Permit	\$175	

*Maximums set by State Law

Questions & Open Discussion



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