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Councilmember Jost,

The Highland District Council's Development Committee has reviewed the proposed amendments to the City of St Paul Zoning code and would like to recommend support for the changes. Please see the attached resolution.

I understand the hearing is tomorrow so if Council staff can distribute to the rest of the City Council that would be appreciated.

Thank you for considering.

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Resolution for the City of St. Paul Proposed Cannabis Zoning Language Amendments

Whereas the City of St Paul is proposing to amend the Zoning Code for Adult-Use Cannabis *in response to MN Session Law 63, which legalized adult-use cannabis and established a regulatory framework over the cannabis industry through the State of Minnesota's Office of Cannabis Management*; and

Whereas the Highland District Council's ("HDC") Community Development Committee ("Committee") met with Josh Williams from the City of St. Paul Planning department on June 18, 2024 to discuss the proposed changes to the code; and

Whereas the proposed language changes would 1) restrict production and sales within a 300-foot radius around schools, day cares, and park facilities, 2) allow production and cultivation facilities under 15,000 square feet in mixed-use and commercial districts, and 3) allow production and cultivation facilities over 15,000 square feet in industrial districts; and

Whereas when the city analyzed the effect of the maximum distance requirement permitted by statute, which is a 1000-foot buffer around schools and a 500-foot buffer around day cares and parks, they found that this would eliminate 63% of parcels zoned for business that would otherwise be eligible for cannabis production and sales and a 300-foot buffer would only eliminate 10% of parcels zoned for business that would otherwise be eligible for cannabis production and sale; and

Whereas a buffer greater than 300 feet will unevenly restrict the distribution of cannabis businesses in the City; therefore

Be It Resolved that the Highland District Council Community Development Committee recommends that the Saint Paul City Council support the proposed amendments detailed above to support business diversity, development, and greater geographic distribution of cannabis-related businesses throughout the City of Saint Paul.

Approved August 30, 2024

By the Community Development Committee of the Highland District Council