

October 2, 2018      3 PM      The Ordinance Committee will conduct a public hearing to discuss a petition filed by the City Council to amend Articles 2.000, 4.000, 6.000 and 11.000 of the Zoning Ordinance to establish provisions for Cannabis Uses, including the following:

- Create definitions for Cannabis Cultivator, Cannabis Establishment, Cannabis Independent Testing Laboratory, Cannabis Microbusiness, Cannabis Product Manufacturer, Cannabis Products, Cannabis Production Facility, Cannabis Research Facility, Cannabis Retail Store, Cannabis Retailer, and Cannabis Use, and amend current definition of “Marijuana Dispensary, Registered”;
- Regulate a Cannabis Independent Testing Laboratory or Cannabis Research Facility as a Technical Office (Section 4.34, Item “f.”) or, if such establishment is noncommercial, a Noncommercial Research Facility (Section 4.33, Item “c.”);
- Allow Cannabis Retail Stores by Planning Board Special Permit in the Business A (BA), Business A-1 (BA-1), Business A-2 (BA-2), Business A-3 (BA-3), Business B (BB), Business B-1 (BB-1), Business B-2 (BB-2), Business C (BC), Industry A-1 (IA-1), Industry B (IB), Industry B-1 (IB-1), and Industry B-2 (IB-2) districts, and special districts and overlay districts whose use regulations are based on those of any of the aforementioned districts, subject to any limitations set forth in the regulations of those districts;
- Require a Cannabis Retail Store to be at least 1,800 feet distant from another Cannabis Retail Store, except that a Cannabis Retail Store may be permitted within 1,800 feet of one other Cannabis Retail Store in a Business (BB), Business C (BC), Planned Unit Development (PUD) or Alewife Overlay District (AOD), and except that such distance requirement may be waived for Economic Empowerment Applicants designated by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission;
- Allow Cannabis Production Facilities by Planning Board Special Permit in the Industry B-2 (IB-2) district, provided that the establishment is not greater than 5,000 square feet in Gross Floor Area, and provided that the establishment is licensed as a Cannabis Microbusiness if Cannabis Products are cultivated or manufactured for non-medical use;
- Require Cannabis Uses to be at least 500 feet distant from a public or private K-12 school, public children’s playground, public youth athletic field, or public youth recreation facility, unless the Planning Board approves a reduced distance; and
- Establish Application Requirements and Special Permit Criteria for Cannabis Uses.