The Planning Board of the City of Cambridge will hold a public hearing on May 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., conducted remotely (see below for directions) on a Zoning Petition by the City Council to amend Articles 2.000, 4.000 and 11.000 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge to create new land use classifications and associated regulations for “Cannabis Courier Establishments” and “Cannabis Delivery Operators”.

The proposed amendments would create two new land use definitions, “Cannabis Courier Establishment” and “Cannabis Delivery Operator”. Cannabis Courier Establishments would be permitted in all office, business and industrial districts, and Cannabis Delivery Operators would be permitted only by Planning Board Special Permit in all office, business and industrial districts. A schedule of required off-street parking, loading and bicycle requirements are included in Article 6.000 for these uses. The existing definitions for Cannabis Microbusiness would be amended such that Cannabis Microbusiness would be enabled to deliver Cannabis Products directly to consumers if in receipt of a Delivery Endorsement from the Cannabis Control Commission. Further, the existing definition for Cannabis Production Facility would be amended to enable such facilities to also operate as a Cannabis Microbusiness if so licensed. The submittal requirements for a special permit under Section 11.800 Special Regulations – Cannabis Uses would be amended to include a more robust Logistics Plan, which includes plans and narratives describing delivery functions, such as parking for delivery vehicles on or off-site. The petition would also amend Section 11.800 to stipulate that any Cannabis Delivery-Only Retailer establishment not exceed 10,000 square feet of Gross Floor Area, among other amendments.

Copies of the petition are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts and at the Community Development Department, 344 Broadway, and online at www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/zoninganddevelopment/zoning/amendments. Questions concerning the petition may be addressed to Daniel Messplay at 617/349-4652 or dmessplay@cambridgema.gov.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to statewide emergency orders limiting the size of public gatherings in response to COVID-19, this meeting will be held with remote participation and will be closed to in-person attendance. Members of the public can view the meeting online or on cable television within Cambridge, provide comments before the meeting in writing to planningboardcomment@cambridgema.gov, and attend virtually online or by telephone.

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A link to attend the meeting virtually will be posted in advance on the Meeting Agenda: https://cambridgema.iqm2.com/citizens/default.aspx?DepartmentID=1071

If you do not have a computer or e-mail address, please call Swaathi Joseph at 617-349-4668.

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