

CANNABIS LEGALIZATION

Draft Land Use Framework For Cannabis Stores

THE FACTS

- The federal government will legalize cannabis this summer
- Cannabis cannot be sold with alcohol, pharmaceuticals or tobacco
- The Government of Alberta requires that cannabis stores be separated a minimum of 100 meters from provincial health care facilities, schools and municipal/school reserve land
- Municipalities are able to set further separation distances

PROPOSED CANNABIS STORE LOCATIONS

Zones with Cannabis Retail Sales	Status
(CSC) Shopping Centre Zone	Permitted
(CB1) Low Intensity Business Zone	Permitted
(CB2) General Business Zone	Permitted
(CHY) Highway Corridor Zone	Permitted
(CO) Commercial Office Zone	Permitted
(CCA) Core Commercial Arts Zone	Permitted
(JAMSC) Jasper Avenue Main Street Commercial Zone	Permitted
(UW) Urban Warehouse	Permitted
(AED) Arena & Entertainment District Zone	Permitted
Strathcona Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) Historical Commercial DC1	Permitted
(CB3) Commercial Mixed Business Zone	Discretionary
(CMU) Commercial Mixed Use Zone	Discretionary
(HA) Heritage Area Zone	Discretionary

What does permitted mean?

- If the development complies with all regulations in the Zoning Bylaw, the development officer must approve it
- It will be a Class A permit
- No notification is required to adjacent landowners

What does discretionary mean?

- A development permit will be granted or refused at the discretion of a development officer
- A development officer will look at potential land use impacts, such as parking and traffic, or compliance with plans to make a decision
- A development officer can apply conditions to a discretionary development permit that must be met by the applicant
- It will be a Class B permit
- Notification is required to adjacent landowners

PROPOSED SEPARATION DISTANCES

Separation Distance	Use	Purpose
200 meters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Between cannabis stores 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prevent clustering of cannabis stores on one block
200 meters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Schools ● Libraries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Comply with provincial requirements ● Limit access of children and youth to cannabis stores ● Prevent negative health effects of combined use of cannabis and liquor products
100 meters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provincial health care facilities ● Public parks ● Public recreation facilities ● Liquor Stores 	

APPLYING TO OPEN A CANNABIS RETAIL STORE

To open a cannabis store, applicants will have to go through a process to receive a:

- Development permit and potential building permit from the City of Edmonton
- Business license from the City of Edmonton
- Licence from the province through the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC)

More detailed information will be shared in the coming months, including:

- Requirements for a complete application to the City of Edmonton
- Process flow chart
- Application fees

Please note that the City is not accepting applications for cannabis stores yet.

NEXT STEPS

Feb 23 to March 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Draft framework circulated to internal and external stakeholders
End of March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update proposed Zoning Bylaw changes and report as needed, based on circulation comments
May 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Potential public hearing date to present Zoning Bylaw changes to City Council
Summer 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cannabis legalized and stores are able to open if they receive municipal and provincial approval

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

City website:

www.edmonton.ca/cannabislegalization

Provincial website:

www.alberta.ca/cannabis-legalization.aspx

AGLC website:

www.aglc.ca/cannabis