



MEMORANDUM

To: Saint Anthony Village City Council
From: Charlie Yunker, City Manager
Date: July 12, 2022 City Council Work Session
Request: Discussion regarding regulating sellers of certain edibles and beverages infused with the cannabis ingredient THC

OVERVIEW

On July 1, 2022, a new law was passed that allows people 21 and over to buy and consume food and beverages with no more than 5 milligrams of hemp-derived THC per serving and no more than 50 milligrams per package.

The City's Code regulates the sale of medical cannabis and dispensaries, however, it does not regulate the sale of edible cannabinoid products. And, the new law does not require edible cannabinoid products to be sold from a dispensary. The City has the authority to be more restrictive than state law, but not less restrictive. City Staff is in the process of initial research to provide guidance on the new law. However, staff would like to know the City Council's stance on how the City should approach any desired regulation related to this new law.

Should the council decide to consider developing additional regulations related to the sale of hemp-derived THC food and beverages, staff would need time to research and draft appropriate code language. In the meantime, the Council could adopt an interim ordinance to establish a moratorium to allow adequate time to study the issue. Including zoning code amendments and/or licensing rules similar to tobacco (products behind the counter, checking IDs, enforcement, other sales management controls, etc.).

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR COUNCIL FEEDBACK

Below are the specific items for discussion and feedback:

- What questions or comments does the city council have related to this new law staff can research?
- Does the council wish to consider developing additional regulations related to the sale of hemp-derived THC food and beverages?
- Other considerations for staff?

ATTACHMENTS:

- League of Minnesota Cities information on the new law