
MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor Walker and Councilors
FROM: M McPherson, City Administrator
SUBJECT: **Impose Moratorium on the Sale of Cannabis Items**
DATE: August 23, 2022

Background:

The 2022 Legislature passed legislation allowing the sale of cannabis items without any regulatory parameters. Cities around the state are attempting, on their own, to address this issue. Several local cities have discussed a moratorium with their Councils; reception has been mixed. Other cities are moving forward with drafting ordinances specific to cannabis products but similar to tobacco and liquor ordinances.

For the city to draft an ordinance, time is essential. Staff is recommending that the City Council adopt the attached moratorium ordinance. Information from the League of Minnesota Cities is attached for your reference and we propose to discuss this further at the September 1 Study Session.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council introduce for first reading Ordinance 824 establishing a moratorium on the sale, testing, manufacturing, and distribution of cannabis products.