
MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor Walker and Councilors
FROM: M McPherson, City Administrator
SUBJECT: **Discuss Adult Use Cannabis Moratorium**
DATE: July 25, 2023

Background:

The 2023 Legislature legalized cannabis for use by adults. The bill was in excess of 300 pages and there are a lot of parts to implement at both the local and state levels.

The law allows cities to implement a moratorium in order to determine what local controls need to be changed to accommodate or limit components such as public use or the number of establishments.

The City Attorney has drafted an interim ordinance. The process to adopt the ordinance is proposed as follows:

- August 10 – Resolution calling for a public hearing
- August 24 – Conduct the public hearing and hold the first reading of the ordinance
- September 14 – Final reading of the ordinance

Attached is information from the League of Minnesota Cities on the topic.

Recommendation:

If there are certain concerns that staff should address in future ordinance changes, the Council is asked to express them.