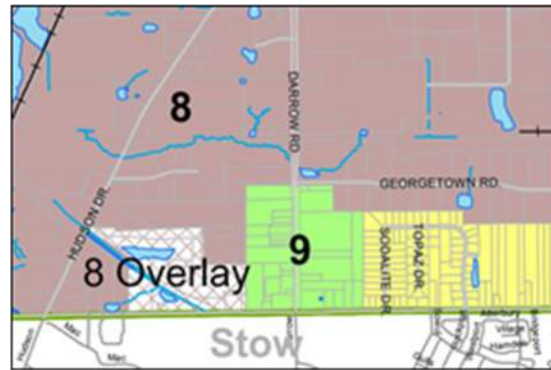


# Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Dispensaries

Ohio became the 24th state to legalize cannabis with the passage of Issue 2 in 2023. Marijuana, including cultivation, processing, sale, purchase, possession and home growing, is legal for adults 21 and older.

In December 2023, the City of Hudson enacted a 12-month moratorium to allow the state time to determine the applicable licensing programs and for the City to establish local zoning regulations. While the moratorium was in place, City Council adopted regulations (ORD 23-154) which could allow recreational marijuana facilities as conditional uses District 9(only), and would require specific setback standards including a 500-foot setback from a residentially zoned parcel, school, or use of the same category.



Link to zoning

map: <https://export.amlegal.com/media/1200433f4ad9111abff68eba438648ee17dd9e8e/DATAOBJECTS/0-0-0-6704.pdf>(External link)

Link to state ballot

issue: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/ballotboard/2022/petitionfull-textandsummary.pdf>(External link)

State Division of Cannabis Control: <https://com.ohio.gov/divisions-and-programs/cannabis-control/licensee-resources/what-we-do/non-medical-cannabis-faq>(External link)

The 12-month moratorium on accepting applications for marijuana facilities was set to expire; however, City Council enacted an additional 3-month moratorium effective until April 2, 2024 to allow for the community to be notified of the pending expiration and to seek public comment.

## We Want Your Input

Ballot Issue 2, to legalize recreational marijuana facilities, was supported statewide in Ohio and by a majority of voters within the City of Hudson. The state regulations do allow; however, individual communities to prohibit recreational marijuana facilities. If such facilities were prohibited in Hudson, residents would have the option to purchase marijuana in other communities where such facilities are available.

Council is seeking resident input to make a decision between the following options:

1. Allow the moratorium to expire, which will permit marijuana facilities to be established in District 9 of the City of Hudson when required development standards are met.
2. Enact a permanent ban fully prohibiting all marijuana facilities in the City of Hudson.

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