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NOTICE TO TOWN CLERK OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ZONING REGULATIONS AND/OR ZONING MAP

Pursuant to Section 8-3, C.G.S., the Planning and Zoning Commission is required to file proposed amendments to the Zoning Regulations and Zoning Map with the Town Clerk at least 10 days prior to the public hearing on such amendments. In accordance with this requirement, a copy of the following proposal to amend the Mansfield Zoning Regulations is attached.

- **File Number P-907-51:** PZC-Initiated amendment to Article 3, Section A to establish a 9-month temporary and limited moratorium on cannabis establishments. The public hearing on the proposed amendment is scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:15 P.M.

For more information on the proposed amendment and public hearing, please email planzonedept@mansfieldct.org.

Paul Aho, Chair
Binu Chandy, Secretary

Pursuant to Governor Lamont's Executive Order 71, enacted March 21, 2020, all public notices, including but not limited to public hearing notices, notices of decision, and notices of proposed changes to adopted regulations and maps for the following entities will now be posted on the Town Website in the Legal Notices section (<http://www.mansfieldct.gov/1713/Legal-Notices>).. Until the public health emergency is over, the on-line posting of these notices shall replace publication of such notices in The Chronicle newspaper and posting of such notices in the Town Clerk's office.

TEMPORARY AND LIMITED MORATORIUM ON CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS

The following amendment is proposed to establish a temporary and limited moratorium on cannabis establishments. [Governor's Bill No. 888](#) which is currently being considered by the General Assembly would legalize adult-use of cannabis in the State of Connecticut. Section 68 of said bill authorizes municipalities to prohibit or establish restrictions on cannabis establishments (with the exception of dispensary facilities or producers as defined in [Chapter 420f, Palliative Use of Marijuana, C.G.S.](#) If approved, the proposed effective date of the legislation is July 1, 2021.

Given the limited period available to review and update the Zoning Regulations before the legislation would go into effect, the Commission is proposing a temporary and limited 9-month moratorium on cannabis establishments. This moratorium will provide time for the Commission to consult with other Town elected and appointed bodies, including but not limited to the Town Council, Economic Development Commission, Agriculture Committee and Town and University Relations Advisory Committee on the development of new regulations for cannabis establishments in Mansfield.

Proposed Amendment to Article 3, Section A

Replace "Reserved" with the following:

A. Temporary and Limited Moratorium on Cannabis Establishments

1. **Statement of Purpose.** This section has been adopted to provide the Commission with the time necessary to consider adoption of potential changes to the Zoning Regulations pursuant to Section 8-2 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Connecticut General Assembly is considering legislation that would legalize adult use of cannabis in the State of Connecticut which if approved as presented in Governor's Bill No. 888, would go into effect on July 1, 2021. Said bill contains provisions allowing municipalities to prohibit or place reasonable restrictions on cannabis establishments with the exception of dispensary facilities and producers as defined in Chapter 420f, C.G.S., Palliative Use of Marijuana.

This temporary and limited term moratorium has been adopted to provide the Town with the time necessary to develop regulations for cannabis establishments that meet statutory responsibilities and promote the public's general health, safety and welfare.

2. **Definitions.**

- a. *Cannabis.* Marijuana as defined in Section 21a-240, C.G.S.
- b. *Cannabis Establishment.* Cultivator, retailer, hybrid retailer, food and beverage manufacturer, product manufacturer, product packager and delivery service with the exception of producers and dispensary facilities as defined in Chapter 420f, C.G.S.
- c. *Cultivator.* A person engaged in the cultivation, growing and propagation of the cannabis plant.

- d. *Food and Beverage Manufacturer.* A person, excluding a producer, whose license permits them to own and operate a place of business that acquires cannabis and creates food and beverages.
 - e. *Hybrid Retailer.* A person that is licensed to purchase cannabis and sell cannabis, cannabis products and medical marijuana products.
 - f. *Person.* every individual, partnership, limited liability company, society, association, joint stock company, corporation, estate, receiver, trustee, assignee, referee or any other legal entity and any other person acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, whether appointed by a court or otherwise, and any combination thereof.
 - g. *Product Manufacturer.* A person, excluding a producer, that is licensed to obtain cannabis, extract and manufacture products exclusive to such license type and who may sell or transfer cannabis and cannabis products to laboratories, research programs and cannabis establishments.
 - h. *Product Packager.* A person that is licensed to package and label cannabis and cannabis products.
 - i. *Retailer.* A person, excluding a dispensary facility that is licensed to purchase cannabis and cannabis products from producers, cultivators, product manufacturers and food and beverage manufacturers and to sell cannabis and cannabis products to consumers and research programs.
3. **Applicability.** During this temporary and limited-term moratorium, cannabis establishments shall be prohibited in the Town of Mansfield and no applications shall be received by the Planning and Zoning Commission or Zoning Agent to establish a cannabis establishment.
4. **Effective Date/Term.** This temporary and limited moratorium shall become effective on June 30, 2021 and shall remain in effect for a period of nine months until March 31, 2022.