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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 modify and extend the temporary and limited moratorium on cannabis establishments to December 30, 2022. The public hearing on the proposed amendment is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2022 at 6:15 P.M.

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

Paul Aho, Chair
Binu Chandy, Secretary

TEMPORARY AND LIMITED MORATORIUM ON CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS

The following amendment is proposed to extend the temporary and limited moratorium on cannabis establishments adopted by the Commission on June 21, 2021. Additionally, as the moratorium was approved prior to the adoption of Public Act 21-1, the original moratorium language included definitions of terms as they were proposed at the time. The proposed amendment eliminates the definitions in the Zoning Regulations and replaces them with a reference to Connecticut General Statutes.

Proposed Amendment to Article 3, Section A

Additions are shown in red underlined text; deletions are shown in ~~red strike-through text~~.

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~~ approved Public Act 21-1 on June 22, 2021. Said bill/Act 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.** The terms cannabis and cannabis establishment shall have the meanings established in Section 1 of Public Act 21-1: An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis.
 - 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~~ eighteen (18) months until ~~March 31~~ December 30, 2022.