



January 18, 2023

Honorable Mayor and Councilors
City Manager
City Attorney
Clerk of Council

This application comes at the request of the Columbus Consolidated Government.

Various requests to the UDO from staff.

Subject: (REZN-12-22-2286) A request to amend the text of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for various uses.

**UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE REVISIONS
(Explanation of Revisions)**

1. Explanation of Revisions: Amend Chapter 3 Article 2. Additional standards applicable to specific uses.

3.2.76. Medical Cannabis Dispensary.

Medical Cannabis Dispensaries shall comply with the standards listed below:

- A. *Prohibited Locations.* Georgia state law (O.C.G.A. § 16-12-215) prohibits a medical cannabis dispensary within 1,000 feet of a covered entity. The term 'covered entity' means a public or private school; an early care and education program; or a church, synagogue, or other place of public religious worship, in existence prior to the date of licensure of such licensee under State Law. A dispensing licensee may request a variance from Council to locate in places prohibited in this subsection based on a showing that such modification is needed to allow retail outlets to be established to service registered patients residing within this local jurisdiction.
- B. *Lighting.* No flashing lights, search lights, spotlights, or other similar lighting systems may be used on the exterior of the building.

- C. *Signage.* Electronic message boards and temporary signs shall not be allowed.
- D. *Hours of Operation.* Hours of operation shall be 7:00 AM until 10:00 PM.
- E. *Structure.* This use shall be in a stand-alone building.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

N/A

Recommendations:

The Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) considered this text amendment at their meeting on January 04, 2023. PAC recommended **approval** by a vote of 6-0.

The Planning Department recommends **approval**.

Sincerely,



Will Johnson
Planning Director