



**To:** City of Crest Hill – Plan Commission  
**From:** Maura A Rigoni, AICP-Planning Consultant  
**cc:** Tony Budzikowski, Community & Economic Development Director  
**Date:** September 14, 2022  
**Re:** Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment-Adult Use Cannabis Dispensary

In October 2013, the City of Crest Hill passed an ordinance permitting medical cannabis dispensaries and medical cannabis cultivation within the corporate limits.

At the July 11, 2022 City of Crest Hill Work Session, the City Council directed City Staff to proceed with amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to permit adult-use cannabis dispensaries within the City's corporate limits. This proposed amendment would only impact dispensaries and not change any regulations relating to cultivation, which is still a special use in the M-1 District.

Staff surveyed several communities, gathering information regarding regulations established for adult-use cannabis dispensaries.

The proposed amendments only consider Adult Use Cannabis Dispensaries as a special use in the B2, B3, M1, and M2 Districts, with additional use regulations. Such use regulations include, but are not limited to:

- Distance from schools, daycares, residential districts, and other adult-use cannabis dispensaries.
- Regulations regarding the operation prohibiting drive-thru
- Requiring a security plan to be reviewed and approved by the Police Department
- Parking regulations

Enclosed you will find:

- Proposed text amendments to
  - Section 2-Definitions
  - Section 8.2 Use Regulations
  - Table 4-Table of Permitted and Special Uses
- Application for Amendment
- Memo and supporting documents, July 11, 2022, City Council Work Session
- Minutes, July 11, 2022 Work Session

The Plan Commission should consider the Findings of Fact, outlined in Section 12.8-4 of the Zoning Ordinance when reviewing the proposed text amendment.

#### ***Findings of Fact-Text Amendment Section 12.8-4***

The Plan Commission, within sixty (60) days after the close of the hearing on the proposed text amendment, shall make written findings of fact, and submit same Administration and Enforcement City of Crest Hill together with a recommendation, to the City Council. In its findings of fact, the Plan Commission shall consider the following:

1. The effect the text amendment would have on comprehensive planning in the community and the extent to which the proposed amendment would be consistent with Crest Hill's planning objectives.
2. The consistency of the proposed text amendment with other provisions in this Ordinance.
3. The degree to which all property owners in the community, zoned in similar classifications, would be benefited or affected by the zoning text amendment; and the extent to which the proposed amendment would or would not benefit or affect one (1) or a selected and small group of property owners only.
4. The extent to which the text amendment will ameliorate a condition in this Ordinance which is, from a legal or administrative standpoint, deficient.
5. The need for the zoning text amendment.
6. Whether or not the proposed text amendment, if adopted, will require other provisions of this Ordinance to be changed or modified and, if so, the way in which the Ordinance will have to be further modified and amended.

#### ***Motion for Consideration:***

If the Commission is prepared to make a recommendation, I would ask that you make a recommendation to approve the text Amendments to Section 2: Definitions, Section 8.2 Permitted and Special Use Regulations, and Table 4: Table of Permitted and Special Uses, to permit adult-use cannabis dispensaries, as a special use in the B2, B3, M1 and M2 Districts, with regulations, in accordance with the reviewed documents, public testimony, and findings of fact.

## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL, ILLINOIS

### Section 2.0 Definitions, Section 8. 2 Special and Permit Use Regulations and Table 4, Index of Permitted and Special Uses

Amending Section 2.0 Definitions by deleting and adding the following definitions:

**MEDICAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION CENTER:** A facility operated by an organization or business that is registered by the Department of Agriculture to perform necessary activities to provide only registered medical cannabis dispensing organizations with usable medical cannabis.

~~**MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSING ORGANIZATION:** A facility operated by an organization or business that is registered by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulations to acquire medical cannabis from a registered cultivation center for the purpose of dispensing cannabis, paraphernalia, or related supplies and educational materials to registered qualifying patients.~~

***ADULT-USE CANNABIS DISPENSING ORGANIZATION:*** *A facility operated by an organization or business that is licensed by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to acquire cannabis from licensed cannabis business establishments for the purpose of selling or dispensing cannabis, cannabis-infused products, cannabis seeds, paraphernalia or related supplies to purchasers or to qualified registered medical cannabis patients and caregivers, per the (Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, (P.A.101-0027), as it may be amended from time-to-time, and regulations promulgated thereunder. An Adult-Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization shall also include a registered medical cannabis organization as defined in the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, as amended from time to time*

Amending Section 8.2 Permitted and Special Use Regulations to include the following:

#### **8.2-30 ADULT-USE CANNABIS DISPENSING ORGANIZATIONS**

No person shall engage in, conduct, or carry on, or license to be engaged in, conducted or carried on, a cannabis business as herein defined without first having obtained a special use permit pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

- a. Dispensaries shall not be located within 750 (seven-hundred and fifty) feet of a pre-existing public or private primary and secondary school, preschools, daycare centers/nursery schools, daycare homes. Learning Centers and vocational/trade centers/schools shall not be classified as a school for the purpose of this section.
- b. Dispensaries shall not be located within 250 (two-hundred and fifty) feet of a pre-existing property zoned a residential district as outlined in Section 6.0 of this Ordinance.
- c. Dispensaries shall not be located within 1 mile (5,280 feet) of an existing dispensary.
- d. For the purpose of measuring the regulations outlined above in regulations 8.2-30a-c, the measurement shall be made in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures or objects, from the nearest portion of the building or structure used as a part of the premises where such activities are conducted to the nearest property line of the "other specific use" located within or outside the City limits.

- e. No cannabis or cannabis paraphernalia shall be displayed or kept in such a manner that it is visible from outside the premises of which the dispensary occupies.
- f. No cannabis, or cannabis-infused product, shall be smoked, eaten or otherwise consumed or ingested on the premises of any dispensary.
- g. Such cannabis dispensing organization shall not operate a drive-thru facility or provide delivery services or enter into an agreement to allow persons to deliver cannabis to purchasers.
- h. For the purposes of determining parking requirements for Adult-Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization, such facilities shall be classified as "General Business" 11.8 Schedule of Parking Requirements, provided, however, through review of the special use, the City may require additional parking.
- i. A security plan is required to be submitted for review and approval by the City of Crest Hill Police Department.
- j. All such facilities must comply with all state regulations.
- k. Additional regulations may be imposed as part of the special use approval, as deemed appropriate, and to mitigate potential impacts from such operations on adjacent properties/uses.

***Application for Development***For Office Use Only: **Case Number:****Project Name:** Zoning Ordinance Amendment Cannabis -Adult Use Cannabis DispensaryOwner: City of Crest Hill Correspondence To: SameStreet No: 1610 Plainfield Road Street No: \_\_\_\_\_City, State, Zip: Crest Hill, IL 60403 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_Phone: 815-741-5100 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_Email or fax: webadmin@cityofcresthill.com Email or fax: \_\_\_\_\_**Property Address:****Property Information:**Street No: N/A Lot Width: N/A

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot Depth: \_\_\_\_\_

PIN: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Area: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Attach a copy of the legal description of the property and applicable fees.

\* Submit electronic version of the legal description to:  
mdeharo@cityofcresthill.com and lthrasher@cityofcresthill.com.Existing Zoning: N/A Existing Land Use: N/ARequested Zoning: N/A Proposed Land Use: N/A**Adjoining Properties Zoning and Uses:**North of Property: N/A

South of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

East of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

West of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose Statement (intended use and approval sought): \_\_\_\_\_

**Development Request:** Please check all that apply and describe:

\_\_\_ Rezoning: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Please attach written responses to items listed in Section 12.8-5 of the Zoning Ordinance.

\_\_\_ Special Use: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Please attach written responses to items listed in Section 12.7-6 of the Zoning Ordinance.

\_\_\_ Variance: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Please attach written responses to items listed in Section 12.6-2 of the Zoning Ordinance.

\_\_\_ Planned Unit Development: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Please attach written responses to items listed in Sections 10.0-4 & 10.5 of the Zoning Ordinance.

\_\_\_ Annexation: \_\_\_\_\_


\_\_\_ Plat: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Other: Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Sections 2, 8.2 and Table 4-Adult Use Cannabis Dispensary

**Contact Information** – if not yet known, please indicate as TBD. Check those parties in which copies of all correspondences should be forwarded.

___ <b>Civil Engineer</b> _____	N/A	Phone Number _____
Company _____		Email Address _____
___ <b>Contractor</b> _____		Phone Number _____
Company _____		Email Address _____
___ <b>Architect</b> _____		Phone Number _____
Company _____		Email Address _____
___ <b>Builder</b> _____		Phone Number _____
Company _____		Email Address _____

I agree to be present (in person or by counsel) when the Plan Commission and City Council hear this development request.

Signature of the Applicant Tony Budzikowski  Date 8/31/22

If you (the applicant) are not the owner of record, please provide the owner's signature.

Signature of the Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date 8/31/22

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF CREST HILL

The Crest Hill Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 14th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Building, 1610 Plainfield Road, Crest Hill, Illinois, at which time and place the Plan Commission of said City will consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to cannabis business establishments in the Business Districts and Manufacturing Districts, Section 2.0 Definitions, Section 8.2 Permitted and Special Use Regulations, and Table 4, Index of Permitted and Special Uses. A copy of said text amendments may be examined at the office of the Community Development Director at 1610 Plainfield Road, Crest Hill, IL. All persons desiring to appear and be heard for or against this subject may appear and be heard thereon.

Dated this 26th day of August, 2022.

Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

Jan Plettau, Commission Chairman

August 26, 2022

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City of Crest Hill

1610 Plainfield Road

Crest Hill, IL 60403

Attn: L Thrasher

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## City Council Agenda Memo

Crest Hill, IL

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	July 11, 2022
<b>Submitter:</b>	Tony Budzikowski, AICP, Community & Economic Development Director
<b>Department:</b>	Community & Economic Development
<b>Agenda Item:</b>	Adult-Use Recreational Cannabis - Discussion

**Summary:** Staff was asked to revisit the topic of adult-use recreational cannabis as a permitted or special use in the City of Crest Hill ("City"). This discussion is being reconsidered because of potential sales tax revenue and also because it has become somewhat more mainstream in the last several years and warrants another look. Staff has conducted some initial due diligence on this subject matter and is providing the following information for review and reference purposes.

### Zoning

- The City adopted Ordinance No. 1645 on October 7, 2013 to permit and allow Medical Cannabis Dispensing Facilities as a special use permit in the B-3 District. Ordinance No. 1645 also included Medical Cannabis Cultivation Centers as a special use permit in the M-1 District.
- No Medical Cannabis Dispensing Facilities or Medical Cannabis Cultivation Centers have been approved, licensed or are in operation in the City at this time.
- A policy change to permit and allow an adult-use recreational cannabis dispensary will require that a text amendment be processed for a special use permit in either a commercial/business district, industrial/manufacturing district or possibly both if the City Council deems appropriate.
- Any newly adopted zoning regulations should also include distance requirements from residential homes, libraries, schools, daycares, pre-schools and other cannabis dispensaries.

### Ancillary Issues

- Initial dispensary openings in neighboring communities have generated more customer traffic due to the novelty in a new location. This depends on the business location and proximity to other dispensaries in the area.
- Off-street parking and traffic monitoring should occur at the specified location to ensure public safety. In 2020, some dispensary locations needed to provide shuttle service to off-site parking lots to accommodate customers.
- Anticipated issues such as police service calls, criminal activities or other similar complaints have not been shown to be evident in neighboring communities that have licensed dispensaries.



### Local Revenue from a Cannabis Tax

- Adult use cannabis is subject to the 6.25% State Retailer's Occupation Tax as well as local retailers' occupation taxes in the same manner as other general merchandise. Counties and municipalities may impose, by ordinance, a local retailer's occupation tax on the gross receipts from sales of adult use cannabis. The rate imposed under the Municipal Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax may not exceed 3%.
- In review of the FY 2022-2023 budgets for Naperville, Romeoville, Buffalo Grove, Homewood and Oakbrook Terrace, the annual revenue projected for a single adult use cannabis license in any one of these communities was not less than \$400,000. Naperville's projected annual revenue for two (2) such licenses was \$1,120,000 total.

### Licensed Dispensaries

- The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation ("IDFPR") website identifies that 111 cannabis dispensary licenses have been issued in Illinois.
- 55 of these licensed dispensaries serve medical patients.
- Local communities in close proximity to Crest Hill that have adult use cannabis licenses issued by IDFPR include Joliet (Rise), Romeoville (Verilife) and Mokena (Curaleaf).

The topic of adult use recreational cannabis dispensaries is being raised again to determine if the City Council would like to revisit its policy and consider zoning changes and licensing to permit and allow recreational cannabis dispensaries. From a monetary standpoint, the 3% local retailer's occupation tax could be a new revenue source to assist in the City's efforts in maintaining a balanced budget. In addition, information received from neighboring communities indicates that the criminal activity initially thought to be associated with cannabis dispensaries may have been exaggerated and has not become commonplace. Police Chief Clark will be available for any questions related to police service calls and associated criminal activity at the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Recommended Council Action:** If the Mayor and City Council are amenable and concur with allowing adult use recreational cannabis, I would ask that you authorize staff to begin preparation of the necessary text amendment to permit and allow adult-use recreational cannabis for specific commercial and industrial zoning districts and subject to specific distance requirements, off-street parking and other ancillary regulations to protect the public health, safety and general well-being.

### **Financial Impact:**

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Budgeted Amount:** N/A

### **Attachments:**

- Ordinance No. 1645 Approving Medical Cannabis Dispensing Facilities and Cultivation Centers approved October 7, 2013

ORDINANCE NO. 1645**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 727, AS AMENDED,  
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL, ILLINOIS  
(MEDICAL CANNABIS)**

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly has passed, and the Governor has signed into law, Public Act 98-122, effective January 1, 2014 regarding medical cannabis; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of P.A. 98-122 “is to protect patients with debilitating medical conditions, as well as their physicians and providers, from arrest and prosecution, criminal and other penalties, and property forfeiture if the patients engage in the medical use of cannabis;” and

WHEREAS, P.A. 98-122 allows The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to issue up to 60 dispensing organization registrations for operation and The Department of Agriculture to register up to 22 cultivation center registrations for operation, one per State Police District; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has deemed it to be in the best interest of the City of Crest Hill, Illinois to amend certain portions of Ordinance No. 727, as amended, in order to create a zoning classification for these facilities as none currently exist within the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Crest Hill City Council has determined that permitting establishment of these facilities in conformity with this Ordinance will not interfere with the health, safety and welfare of City residents; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Crest Hill Plan Commission on September 11, 2013 for the purpose of soliciting public comment on the Ordinance amendments, with the Findings of Fact attached hereto as “Exhibit A” and incorporated by reference herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the preamble of this ordinance is declared to be true and correct and is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth in this Section 1.

SECTION 2: That Section 2.01 of Ordinance No. 727, as amended, shall be amended to add the following definitions:

Medical Cannabis Cultivation Center: means a facility operated by an organization or business that is registered by the Department of Agriculture to perform necessary activities to provide only registered medical cannabis dispensing organizations with usable medical cannabis.

Medical Cannabis Dispensing Organization: means a facility operated by an organization or business that is registered by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to acquire medical cannabis from a registered cultivation center for the purpose of dispensing cannabis, paraphernalia, or related supplies and educational materials to registered qualifying patients.

SECTION 3: That Section 7.3-3 of Ordinance No. 727 shall be amended to add Medical Cannabis Dispensing Facilities as a B-3 Special Use in section 5(b) as follows:

5. HEALTH MEDICAL AND CARE FACILITIES
  - a. Hospitals.
  - b. Medical Cannabis Dispensing Organizations.

SECTION 4: That Section 9.1-3 of Ordinance No. 727 shall be amended to add Medical Cannabis Cultivation Center as an M-1 Special Use in section 2(b) as follows:

2. WHOLESALE AND WAREHOUSE USES
  - a. Storage and sale on an open lot.
  - b. Medical Cannabis Cultivation Center.

SECTION 5: That each Section and part hereof of this Ordinance is deemed to be severable and should any section or part thereof be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect the validity or the constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6: All ordinances, resolutions or orders or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.


SECTION 7: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, approval and publication according to law.

PASSED THIS 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013.

AYES: Duke, Vershaw, Gazal, Sklare, Oberlin, Thuringer, Convery and Inman

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

  
Vicki Hackney, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013.

  
Raymond R Soliman, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Vicki Hackney, City Clerk

“EXHIBIT A”

BEFORE THE PLAN COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL, ILLINOIS

IN RE: )  
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Medical Cannabis )  
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Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance )

**FINDINGS AND DECISION OF THE  
PLAN COMMISSION AS TO CASE NO.  
FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE**

THIS APPLICATION, coming before for a decision by the Plan Commission, and the Plan Commission having heard the evidence in support and opposition to the proposed text amendment at a regularly scheduled meeting held on September 11, 2013, being fully advised in the premises, THE COMMISSION DOES MAKE THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

- A. That the City of Crest Hill, through the City Council or Plan Commission, is authorized to initiate amendments to the Zoning Ordinance pursuant to section 12.8-2;
- B. That the application seeks a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding classification of medical cannabis facilities, including Medical Cannabis Cultivation Centers and Medical Cannabis Dispensing Organizations;
- C. The State of Illinois passed Public Act 98-122, effective January 1, 2014 which will permit the limited operation of Medical Cannabis Cultivation Centers and Medical Cannabis Dispensing Organizations within the state;
- D. That no classifications currently exist within the Zoning Ordinance for such facilities;
- E. That the City wishes to classify medical cannabis facilities as follows:
  - a. Medical Cannabis Cultivation Centers: M-1 Special Use
  - b. Medical Cannabis Dispensing Organization: B-3 Special Use
- F. That the application for the text amendment was properly submitted and notice of the application and the public hearing were properly made;
- G. That no interested parties filed their appearances herein;
- H. That the public hearing was called into order, the City presented its evidence and arguments in support of its application;

- I. That the rules adopted by the Plan Commission for the conduct of Public Hearings by the Plan Commission were duly followed and observed;
- J. That the Plan Commission has considered all of the criteria set forth in subsections 12.8-4(1)-(7) regarding a proposed text amendment.


THEREFORE, IT IS THE DECISION OF THE PLAN COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL, ILLINOIS, BASED UPON THE EVIDENCE HEARD BY SAME AND ARGUMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS HEARD AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, AND HAVING DULY CONSIDERED THE MANDATES AND STANDARDS AS SET FORTH IN THE CITY OF CREST HILL, ILLINOIS ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE GRANTING OF TEXT AMENDMENTS, AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. That the text amendment to create zoning classifications for Medical Cannabis Cultivation Centers as an M-1 Special Use and Medical Cannabis Dispensing Organizations as a B-3 Special Use was approved and is supported by the evidence adduced;
- 2. It is therefore the recommendation of the City of Crest Hill Plan Commission that the application for the text amendment be granted.

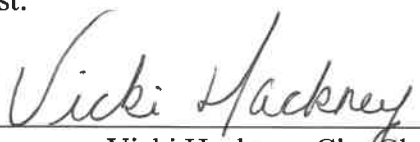

Adopted by the Plan Commission of the City of Crest Hill, Illinois, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013 upon the following voice vote:

AYES: Commissioners Butler, Stryzik, Izquierdo, Stanton and Evans.  
 NAYES: None  
 ABSENT: Commissioners Carroll and Casagrande

Approved:

  
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 Ken Carroll, Chairman

Attest:

  
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 Vicki Hackney, City Clerk 

30. Discussion followed. Engineer Wiedeman felt that the bridge is a good idea, but not with us sponsoring it. The Mayor explained that the County and communities are not interested in sponsoring this project. Alderman Vershay asked where the bridge would be located. Discussion followed on the location which would be near Caton Farm Road. Alderman Vershay asked how close would this come to the treatment plant. Engineer Wiedeman said that it would go over the top of the plant. Alderwoman Gazal asked if the State representative have been contacted regarding this. Mayor Soliman explained that IDOT recently changed the rules in regard to funding. Someone has to take responsibility to sponsor the project to get federal funds. This project has been in discussion since the 1970's. Alderman Vershay asked if this would go over to Bruce Road. It would go to Gouger Road and Rte. 7.

Mayor Soliman asked if the Council had a problem with him affixing his signature to the response letter. They did not. The letter would be sent to Will County DOT.

**TOPIC: Adult Use Recreational Cannabis Discussion**

Mayor Soliman presented the Adult-Use Cannabis-Discussion per the memo dated July 11, 2022. Community & Economic Development Director Tony Budzikowski stated this was a topic that was brought up during discussions on the budget. We would need to do a text amendment for a special use to allow a dispensary and also create a license requirement. Local municipalities are only issuing 1 license and there are a limited number allowed per the State. When the dispensaries were first proposed there were issues with parking and traffic. This should be factored into the decision along with the potential location. Alderperson Oberlin commented that the store in Joliet always has cars in their parking lot. The license fee for most municipalities is \$400,000.00. Alderman Kubal asked for the Chiefs input. Chief Clark commented that a portion of the revenue could be set aside for traffic safety and impaired driving. Alderperson Oberlin felt that this revenue could be used to benefit the City, for example funding road work. Alderwoman Gazal said that as long as this would not be located near any schools, residential areas, or day care facilities. Director Budzikowski explained that we would take a look at the zoning map to identify where these facilities could be located. Alderwoman Gazal asked what type of revenue would the City get back. It would be 3 to 5% of the sales. Alderman Cipiti is in favor of this since it would bring in revenue for the city. Alderwoman Gaza asked how we go about getting a dispensary in the City. Director Budzikowski suggested meeting with one of the dispensaries to find out what the procedure was they had to go through. Alderman Jefferson commented that Cook County made \$600,000.00 revenue in a months' time. He would be in favor of having one in the City and would like the Chiefs comments taken into consideration. Alderman Vershay was not in favor of it. We will need extra Police presence at the site and often the extra revenue isn't worth the headaches they cause. Alderman Dyke had no issues with this. Mayor Soliman said initially everyone thought that the dispensaries were going to increase crime in the areas, but that has not been the case. He would like to see us move ahead with this.

**TOPIC: Discussion on Ordinance #1689**

Mayor Soliman presented Discussion on Ordinance #1689 per the memo dated July 11, 2022. Treasurer Conklin explained that some things that have happened in the past and he would like to revisit this ordinance. Six months ago the Finance Director discovered that we had gone over budget on our Public Works facility. At the time we were dealing with the absence of the past director and had some one here in the interim. A call was made to the previous Finance Director and Administrator questioning these finances. The information that was discovered was not shared with the Council. Treasurer Conklin would like to segregate some duties, so that we don't run into this type of situation again.