

CANNABIS

As defined in MN 342.01, newly enacted state law legalized adult-use of cannabis. As everyone is aware, the new MN State law took effect on August 1, 2023. The 155-page bill is complex and brings layers of change to the MN Drug Statutes. Such state law allowed for individual cities to adopt an ordinance for a person who unlawfully uses cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products in a public place. State law drastically limited local governments' ability to place additional restrictions on adult citizens' use of cannabis.

On August 14, 2023, GR City Council approved Grand Rapids City Ord 23-08-04. The local ordinance complies with language provided by the State and solely focuses on public use of cannabis. The local ordinance now establishes that a public use violation will result in a petty misdemeanor.

Grand Rapids Ordinance 23-08-04 was published in this past weekend's Herald Review and is now in effect.

As previously recognized, these changes are substantial and complex. The changes will considerably alter multiple aspects of how law enforcement will respond to various calls / reports regarding cannabis use. Grand Rapids Police Department remains committed to "Building collaborative relationships to keep our community safe through service, education and enforcement."

Please utilize the attached material to better understand the laws associated with Minnesota Drug Chapter 152 and also Grand Rapids City Ordinance 23-08-04

City Ord:

<https://grandrapids.municipalcodeonline.com/book...>

State definitions:

<https://casetext.com/.../chapt.../section-34201-definitions>

MN State Drug Laws:

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/152>

League of MN Cities FAQs:

<https://www.lmc.org/.../adult-use-cannabis-what-cities.../>

