



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Pamela Whitmore
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, March 11, 2025
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	INFO/ACTION
Subject:	Introduce Ordinance Regulating Temporary Cannabis Events
Background Information:	<p>With the adoption of the state law allowing Cannabis Businesses, the Legislature also established a license for Temporary Cannabis Events. Minn. Stat. § 342.39. Under this Section, a Cannabis Event Organizer License entitles the license holder to organize a temporary cannabis event lasting no more than four days. Cities cannot prohibit these events but can regulate them.</p> <p>Staff worked collaboratively with the Legislative & Ordinance Committee on an Ordinance allowing these temporary events in the City of Marshall. The Ordinance establishes an application process for city authorization of these events and provides a reimbursement mechanism to the City for recovery of any costs arising out of provision of special services from the City to the event organizers.</p> <p>In addition to an application process, the Ordinance allows onsite consumption of product at these events as long as certain requirements are followed, many of which are outlined in state law. Some of these requirements include a separate area, that is screened and has a process for age verification in place.</p> <p>The Ordinance also touches on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A distance buffer between the events and schools. • Prohibition of events on public property unless permitted by the City through the park permit process. • Allowing events at the Red Baron Center on non-school days. • Provision of fees for Special Services via the City's Fee Schedule . • Authorization for collection of a deposit. • Hours restrictions have been revised to reflect a start time of 7am and a stop time of 10:30 pm.
Fiscal Impact:	None
Alternative/ Variations:	Not approve or motion for amendments
Recommendations:	To introduce Ordinance 25-028 adopting Chapter 10, Article IV- Temporary Cannabis Events