



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Pamela Whitmore
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, June 25, 2024
Category:	PUBLIC HEARING
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Moratorium on the Operation of Cannabis Businesses- 1) Public Hearing 2) Consider Ordinance Establishing a Moratorium on the Operation of Cannabis Businesses
Background Information:	<p>The City currently prohibits (via a moratorium through Ordinance 23-015) almost all business operations related to hemp-based products (also referred to as 151 Products because they are authorized by Minnesota Statutes, 151.72 and Lower-Potency Hemp Edibles, as defined for purposes of future state licensing). The two exceptions are that hemp-based beverages may be made at a brewery or distillery and an exclusive liquor store may still sell hemp-based beverages. The moratorium is set to expire in July 2024. The current estimate is that the Office of Cannabis Management will begin issuing licenses in early 2025 but that seems unlikely based on the little traction of the OCM rulemaking so far.</p> <p>There has been a desire expressed by some in the public for the current moratorium to be lifted on hemp-based products to allow sales and support the local economy. Along with the proposed registration ordinance, the proposed amendments to the existing zoning, and the repeal of the current moratorium, staff recommends adopting a new moratorium on the higher-level cannabis products until the OCM has finalized its regulatory scheme.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	
Alternative/ Variations:	
Recommendations:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Close the Public Hearing. 2) Adopt Ordinance 24-011 Authorizing a Study and Imposing a Moratorium on the Operation of Cannabis Businesses within the City of Marshall and authorize its summary publication.