



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Date: June 2, 2023

Subject: Cannabis Moratorium

Based on the direction given at the May 8, 2023 work session, staff has drafted a cannabis moratorium.

The proposed interim ordinance utilizes powers under existing law to prohibit the sale, testing, manufacturing, cultivating, growing, transporting, delivery and distribution of cannabis products within the City for a period of 12 months. In addition, the proposed ordinance allows the City to utilize the additional time in 2023 Session Law Ch. 63 to adopt an interim ordinance regulating, restricting or prohibiting the operation of cannabis businesses until January 1, 2025.

The interim ordinance will allow the City time to review the 2023 Session Law, determine appropriate changes, if any, the Council should make to the City Code, including any necessary zoning changes, and allow for the Office of Cannabis Management to rule make and adopt its model ordinances which will aid the City Council in its process of considering restrictions on the operation of cannabis businesses.

City Attorney Thames has reviewed the proposed interim ordinance and his comments have been incorporated.

A public hearing has been scheduled for 7:00pm (or shortly thereafter) on June 20, 2023 to consider public comments on the proposed interim ordinance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.