



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: St. Francis City Council
FROM: Jason Zimmerman, Planner
SUBJECT: Cannabis Zoning Code Amendment – 2nd Reading
DATE: January 21, 2025

OVERVIEW:

In 2023, the Minnesota Legislature approved a new law to expand the legalization of THC and certain types of cannabis products, as well as to permit different types of cannabis businesses. The state's cannabis legislation, which can be found in Chapter 342 of the State Statutes, provides local units of government certain authority to regulate cannabis businesses, including the authority to adopt reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of such businesses, reviewing license requests, registering cannabis businesses, and adopting other regulations related to cannabis businesses.

The proposed amendments to the Zoning Code define each cannabis use, establish how and where each use will be allowed in the City, and create standards for cannabis retail and lower potency hemp edible retail uses.

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED:

The City Council reviewed and approved the 1st reading of Ordinance 343 at their January 6, 2025 meeting. Based on this approval, Staff has prepared a 2nd reading of Ordinance 343 and a summary resolution allowing for publication by summary for Council's review. The following timeline will apply:

- January 6 – 1st Reading
- January 21 – 2nd Reading
- January 24 – Published for Comment
- February 24 - Effective

Suggested Motions:

1. Move to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 343 approving the Zoning Code amendments pertaining to cannabis and hemp businesses as presented by Staff.
2. Move to approve Summary Resolution 2025-08 authorizing publication of Ordinance 343 by summary.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Cannabis Ordinance 343 – 2nd Reading
2. Draft Resolution 2025-08 authorizing publication by summary