



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Kate Thunstrom, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Interim Ordinance Prohibiting the Operation of Cannabis Businesses within the City and Establishing a Study Period
DATE: September 16, 2024

OVERVIEW:

At the September 3rd City Council meeting, Staff brought to Council a community issue in which residents are reaching out regarding the placement of a cannabis operation. One of the challenges on this issue is that the city currently does not have any ordinances in place to guide a business prior to their locating the stores.

With a temporary ordinance in place the city will create the permanent ordinance that will support the state licensing guidelines. Once the state receives an application, they are required to reach out to the municipality. The City has already identified expectations from Anoka County and the School District and as part of the work session will work with Council on expectations of any local businesses.

The Moratorium will be lifted on January 1, 2025. Prior to that date, staff has scheduled a work session with council, it will need to go through the Planning Commission and two readings with Council in December.

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED:

Council to review and consider placing an Interim Ordinance on the Operation of Cannabis Businesses and to schedule a Public Hearing for October 7, 2024.

Attachments:

- Ordinance 334 – SS An Emergency Interim Ordinance Prohibiting the Operation of Cannabis Businesses within the City and Establishing a Study Period Pursuant to State Statutes.