

May 6, 2025

ITEM: New Business – Proposed Ordinance No. 028, 4th Series: Adding Chapter §124 to the St. James City Code Pertaining to Regulation of Cannabis Businesses

BACKGROUND: The attached proposed ordinance adds Chapter §124 to the St. James City Code pertaining to cannabis regulation. Minnesota State law allows cities to regulate the zoning requirements and retail registration on cannabis businesses.

Minnesota State law allows the initial registration fees collected by local governments to be \$500 or up to half the amount of the applicable initial license fee, whichever is less. Renewal registration fees may be \$1,000 or up to half the amount of the applicable renewal license fee, whichever is less. The recommendation is to use this language in the 2025 fee schedule, which will be amended if approved.

First Reading: May 6, 2025

Notice of Proposed Ordinance: May 9, 2025

Second Reading and Final Vote: May 20, 2025

Approval of Publication of Title and Summary of Ordinance by the Council: May 20, 2025

Publication of Title and Summary of Ordinance: May 29, 2025

Publication of Entire Text of Ordinance at Watonwan County Library:

Recorded in the Ordinance Book and Available on Website:

Effective Date of Ordinance:

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve/Deny the 1st Reading of the Proposed Ordinance.