



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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**SUBJECT: Decriminalization of Marijuana Ordinance – 1<sup>st</sup> Read**

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**AGENDA SECTION:** *(check all that apply)*

☐ PRESENTATION    ☐ PUBLIC HEARING    ☐ CONSENT AGENDA    ☐ OLD BUSINESS  
☒ NEW BUSINESS    ☐ OTHER, PLEASE STATE: PUBLIC NOTICE

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**CATEGORY:** *(check all that apply)*

☒ ORDINANCE    ☐ RESOLUTION    ☐ CONTRACT    ☐ POLICY    ☐ STATUS REPORT  
☐ OTHER, PLEASE STATE: Click or tap here to enter text.

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**ACTION REQUESTED:** ☒ DECISION    ☐ DISCUSSION,    ☐ REVIEW, or    ☐ UPDATE ONLY

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**Previously Heard Date(s):** 07/11/22 & Click or tap to enter a date.

**Current Work Session:** Click or tap to enter a date.

**Current Council Meeting:** Monday, July 25, 2022

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Mallory Minor, Municipal Court Clerk

**PRESENTER:** Mallory Minor

**PURPOSE:** Decriminalization of Marijuana – 1<sup>st</sup> Read

**FACTS:** The Municipal Court of Stonecrest support laws that remove criminal sanctions for low-level marijuana use. Although, decriminalization means different things in different jurisdictions, the idea is the same: Instead of threatening offenders with jail time and permanent criminal records, police issue civil citations. This means a relatively small fine, with no criminal record.

**OPTIONS:** Discussion only Click or tap here to enter text.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- (1) Attachment 1 - Amended Ordinance
- (2) Attachment 2 - Section 16-54. – Marijuana Possession



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- (3) Attachment 3 - 36-32-6. Jurisdiction in marijuana possession cases; retention of fines and bond forfeitures; transfer of cases.
- (4) Attachment 4 - 16-13-30. Purchase, possession, manufacture, distribution, or sale of controlled substances or marijuana; penalties
- (5) Attachment 5 – Sec 16-29.2 – Loitering for the purposes of engaging in drug related activity