



**City of Willowick**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION - DRAFT**  
Monday, March 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
City Council Chambers

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**MINUTES**

**Call meeting to order**

Chairman Carden called the March 10th, 2025, Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Roll Call**

PRESENT

Chairman Carden  
Mr. Hren (arrived late)  
Mr. Foisel  
Mr. Fortney  
Mr. Tomas  
Ms. Monaco  
Mr. Downing

ALSO PRESENT

Chief Building and Zoning Inspector Brennan  
Councilman Phares

**Approval of Minutes**

Planning Commission Minutes - February 10th, 2025

Chairman Carden advised that there are two areas in the Planning Commission minutes that a title needs to be changed for Chief Brennan.

Motion made to approve the February 10th, 2025, Planning Commission meeting minutes with revisions by Mr. Foisel, Seconded by Mr. Fortney.

Voting Yea: Chairman Carden, Mr. Foisel, Mr. Fortney, Mr. Tomas, Ms. Monaco, Mr. Downing

The February 10th, 2025, Planning Commission minutes have been corrected.

**Development & Plan Review Committee**

None.

**Rules Committee**

None.

**City Engineer's Report – Mr. McLaughlin**

None.

**Law Director's Report – Ms. Gwartz**

None.

**Architectural Review Board**

None.

**Community Reinvestment Area – Mr. Carden**

None.

**Public Hearings**

None.

**Public Portion**

Public portion was open and closed at 7:06pm with no public present.

**Remarks – Old Business**Chapter 786 Marijuana Dispensaries & Amendment to Chapter 1145.03 Uses

*This item was moved to be discussed following St. Mary Magdalene (SMM) Church - 33rd Annual Homecoming Festival - Located at 32114 Vine Street and Candy Shop Nails LLC - Located at 30825 Euclid Ave Unit 2*

At this time Mr. Hren arrived.

Chairman Carden stated that he may have missed where limiting to one marijuana dispensary in the city was in the ordinance but he does not see it, Chief Brennan advised that it is under the zoning portion. Chief Brennan also stated that under Chapter 786.08(b) the numerical value is not the same as the written value as well as 786.08 (c)(1). Those were typos and will be corrected based on what the board establishes fees to be. Chairman Carden stated that in previous board discussions he believes that the fee the board established was \$17,500.00. Mr. Fortney asked what the fees of \$250.00 or \$500.00 is for, Chief Brennan stated that is an application fee. There was some discussion between the board members regarding the fees and other cities fees, it was determined our fee would be \$17,500.00. Mr. Downing brought up a couple of questions, the first being under 786.08 and 786.09 it refers to marijuana entity where other areas say marijuana dispensary. Since marijuana dispensary is defined under 786.02 (c) and marijuana entity is not, all areas where "entity" is used will be changed to dispensary. Mr. Downing asked of Chief Brennan in section 786.03(c) it states within one mile of another dispensary and 1145.03 uses (11) (2) states within 2000 feet of the boundary, there was some discussion, and it was determined that they are both supposed to read "one mile" the revision will be made. There was also some discussion regarding the location of the dispensary in Wickliffe and Wickliffe's ordinance, the board determined to add "within city limits" to both of those areas for clarification as these ordinances only pertain to Willowick and do not factor in other locations with regards to boundaries for other cities. Mr. Downing asked why have that section in there limiting it to one mile if we are only allowing one in the city, Chief Brennan advised this is in the ordinance because in the future if the board decides to allow more than one in the city, we would have this in place. Mr. Downing brought up (Ms. Monaco questioned the same) 1145.03 (AA) where it states non-prescription drugs sold at retail subject to the following, asking what that business looks like, Chief Brennan stated that would be a discussion for the

Law Director however after some discussion it was determined to strike that whole area. Councilman Phares asked for clarification regarding what the renewal fee is going to be, Chairman Carden stated \$500.00. It was asked if drive-throughs would be allowed and yes, they are allowed.

Motion made to recommend the approval (with revisions) of Chapter 786 Marijuana Dispensaries & Amendment to Chapter 1145.03 Uses to City Council by Mr. Fortney, Seconded by Ms. Monaco. Voting Yea: Chairman Carden, Mr. Hren, Mr. Foisel, Mr. Fortney, Mr. Tomas, Ms. Monaco, Mr. Downing

### **Remarks – New Business**

#### St. Mary Magdalene (SMM) Church - 33rd Annual Homecoming Festival - Located at 32114 Vine Street

Rosemarie Sisler was present representing St. Mary Magdalene (SMM) Church - 33rd Annual Homecoming Festival - Located at 32114 Vine Street. Ms. Sisler advised that she has provided all required documentation for review. She stated that this year Bates will be returning to the fair, bringing kiddie rides for children under 12 years old. Mr. Foisel asked how the 12 years old and under would be enforced, Ms. Sisler referred to these rides as similar to the Memphis kiddie park with regards to size where older children will not be able to ride. There will be no large rides for older children. Chairman Carden stated that last year the festival ran smoothly and great with regards to safety. Chairman Carden recapped from previous years the discussion regarding enhanced security and taking out the rides, now that small rides are being brought back, what are the additional security measures and how will it be enforced. Ms. Sisler advised that they have rented 4' steel fencing to go around the perimeter of the fair, similar to the fencing you would see for crowd control at a concert. She stated that they will also be doing wrist bands, similar to what the Kirtland Strawberry Festival did, everyone will be wearing them, if you are over the age of 21 you will have one color and if you are under 21 you will have another color. If you are under the age of 21, they will have to come with someone over the age of 18, ID's will be checked. There will be two entrances with check points manned by police and then once they go through there, they will be greeted by two St. Mary Magdalene volunteers, one that will be checking ID's for anyone that looks close to or under 18 and one that will provide the applicable wrist band based on age. She stated that there has been a lot of research that has gone into this to help ensure safety and prevention of any situations that may arise. They are really trying to make this a safe family friendly atmosphere. Chairman Carden asked, since they are doing it this way does it still allow for no admission fees, Ms. Sisler stated that is correct. Mr. Downing asked if other festivals are doing the same or similar procedures, Ms. Sisler stated that there are only two festivals where you will not see similar procedures in place, any other church festival that attended SMM meeting (about 8 different festivals) will be following similar procedures. Mr. Downing advised that he appreciates the work that is going into the festival to make sure it is a safe environment. Chairman Carden asked about the entrances from years past and he couldn't recall if there was fencing. Ms. Sisler advised that years past there was not fencing, and people could enter at any area, which will now be changed this year to include fencing and 2 entrances and an emergency entrance/exit. Chairman Carden asked about lines waiting to get in since there will only be two entrances, she advised that there may be a possibility for a third entrance to help with long lines, SMM has been working closely with Lieutenant Lawrence, they have run all ideas through him. The emergency entrance/exit could possibly be used if there is a need. Ms. Sisler stated that there may be long lines however they are doing everything they can to get ahead of that, this is trial and error. They are asking their volunteers to come in earlier (they will get their wristbands ahead of time) and they are giving parishioners the opportunity to get theirs ahead of time too. They also plan to get the information out to people, she has spoken with Mayor Vanni and the Police Department who will

be putting the information on the website, it will be in all other parish bulletins, they are going to advertise it everywhere they can advertise so that people are aware and prepared. She also advised that the wrist band colors will change every day. She stated that they have tried to think about everything they can. She advised the board that daily they will be ending an hour earlier than years past, not due to thinking problems may happen but because vendors have indicated that the last hour is not very profitable or busy. Chairman Carden asked if they are still waiting on permits for electrical, police, etc. Ms. Sisler advised that the electrician is working on the electrical permits, the liquor permit ready to be submitted and they have the police permit in. Mr. Tomas asked how many volunteers they have, Ms. Sisler stated 350/450 volunteers. There was some discussion regarding volunteers, their responsibilities and as well as another church in our area. In addition to the kiddie rides, Bates will be bringing some concessions as well as games.

Motion made to recommend the approval of St. Mary Magdalene (SMM) Church - 33rd Annual Homecoming Festival - Located at 32114 Vine Street to City Council by Mr. Foisel, Seconded by Mr. Tomas.

Voting Yea: Chairman Carden, Mr. Foisel, Mr. Fortney, Mr. Tomas, Ms. Monaco, Mr. Downing

Candy Shop Nails LLC - Located at 30825 Euclid Ave Unit 2

Chief Brennan advised that this item is coming to Planning Commission because it is a service-based business. Alfonzo Hawthorne was present representing Candy Shop Nails LLC - Located at 30825 Euclid Ave Unit 2. Mr. Hawthorne advised that he is looking to open a nail salon in the City of Willowick. He stated that he will have two nail techs at this establishment, he is looking to relocate to Willowick after 15 years in Euclid. The relocation is for a bigger space and more clients. It was asked to Chief Brennan what this location was previously, Chief Brennan stated it was a yoga studio, located in the plaza by Kate's Bar and the convenience store. Chairman Carden asked if there will be a lot of work needing to be done at this location, Mr. Hawthorne advised that other than running a few water lines and cosmetic updates the location does not need much work. Chairman Carden asked when ideally, he is looking to open, Mr. Hawthorne stated June or July of this year.

Motion made to recommend the approval of Candy Shop Nails LLC - Located at 30825 Euclid Ave Unit 2 to City Council by Mr. Foisel, Seconded by Ms. Monaco.

Voting Yea: Chairman Carden, Mr. Foisel, Mr. Fortney, Mr. Tomas, Ms. Monaco, Mr. Downing

**Adjournment**

Motion made to adjourn the March 10th, 2025, Planning Commission meeting at 7:26pm by Mr. Foisel, Seconded by Ms. Monaco.

Voting Yea: Chairman Carden, Mr. Hren, Mr. Foisel, Mr. Fortney, Mr. Tomas, Ms. Monaco, Mr. Downing