



Legal Notice

Date: 05/23/2024

Subject: An ordinance of the City of Littleton, Colorado, amending the city code, Chapters 20 and 21 of Title 3, Business Regulations relating to marijuana licensing provisions

Passed/Failed: Passed on first reading

CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO

**ORDINANCE 14
SERIES 2024**

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8 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON,
9 COLORADO, AMENDING THE CITY CODE, CHAPTERS
10 20 AND 21 OF TITLE 3, BUSINESS REGULATIONS,
11 RELATING TO MARIJUANA LICENSING PROVISIONS

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13 WHEREAS, Article XVIII, Section 14 of the Colorado Constitution (Amendment
14 20, the "Medical Marijuana Amendment") allows the use, acquisition, possession, production, or
15 transportation of marijuana or related paraphernalia for medical use by patients and their primary
16 caregivers; and

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18 WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 44-10-301 specifically authorizes municipalities to adopting
19 licensing procedures and requirements for medical marijuana licenses; and

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21 WHEREAS, on November 3, 2020, the register electors of the City of Littleton
22 voted to allow for retail marijuana sales; and

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24 WHEREAS, city council wishes to make further refinements to the business
25 licensing provisions related to medical and retail sales of marijuana to more closely aligned with
26 other jurisdictions that have approved sales;

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28 WHEREAS, the City of Littleton has a valid interest in regulating the licensing,
29 zoning, and other impacts of medical marijuana centers in a manner consist with the health, safety
30 and welfare of its citizens.

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33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
34 THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, THAT:

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36 **Section 1:** Littleton City Code Chapter 3, Business Regulations, Section 20,
37 Medical Marijuana Centers is hereby amended as follows:

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39 **3-20-18: HOURS OF OPERATION:**

40 A medical marijuana center may open no earlier than ~~EIGHT O'CLOCK (8:00) A.M.~~~~nine~~
41 ~~o'clock (9:00) A.M.~~ and shall close no later than ~~TWELVE O'CLOCK (12:00) A.M.~~~~ten o'clock~~
42 ~~(10:00) P.M.~~ the same day. A medical marijuana center may be open seven (7) days a week.

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44 **3-20-25: PACKAGING AND LIMITATIONS ON QUANTITY DISPENSED:**

45 A medical marijuana center may not dispense more than two (2) ounces of a usable form of
46 medical marijuana UNLESS A PATIENT HAS A PHYSICIAN EXEMPTION AS SET FORTH

47 IN C.R.S. §44-10-501 et. seq. and six (6) marijuana plants, three (3) or fewer of which may be
48 mature flowering plants per patient, per day. All marijuana sold or otherwise distributed shall be
49 in a sealed container. Such packaging shall have a label that indicates the quantity and advises
50 the purchaser that the marijuana is intended for use solely by the patient, and that any resale or
51 redistribution to any third person is a criminal violation.

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53 **3-20-35: LIMITATION ON NUMBER AND SIZE:**

54 There shall be no more than four (4) centers licensed in the city. CENTERS SHALL BE
55 LIMITED TO A FLOOR PLAN OF FOUR THOUSAND (4,000) SQUARE FEET. ~~Centers shall~~
56 ~~be limited to a floor plan of two thousand (2,000) square feet.~~

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58 Any licensee previously licensed as a medical marijuana dispensary shall be exempt from the
59 distance limitations in subsection 3-20-17(A) of this chapter. Medical marijuana dispensary
60 licenses issued prior to June 30, 2010, shall be reissued as medical marijuana center licenses
61 upon a finding by the licensing authority of compliance with all the requirements of this section.
62 Such finding of approval or denial shall be made within sixty (60) days of the effective date
63 hereof.

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65 **Section 2:** Littleton City Code Chapter 3, Business Regulations, Section 21,
66 Retail Marijuana Establishments is hereby amended as follows:

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68 **3-21-19: HOURS OF OPERATION:**

69 A retail marijuana store may open no earlier than EIGHT O'CLOCK (8:00) A.M. ~~nine o'clock~~
70 ~~(9:00) A.M.~~ and shall close no later than TWELVE O'CLOCK (12:00) A.M. ~~ten o'clock (10:00)~~
71 ~~P.M.~~ the same day. A retail marijuana store may be open seven (7) days a week.

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73 **3-21-35: LIMITATION ON SIZE:**

74 Retail marijuana establishment shall be limited to a maximum floor plan of ~~two thousand (2,000)~~
75 ~~square feet~~ FOUR THOUSAND (4,000) SQUARE FEET.

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77 **Section 3:** Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or
78 phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the
79 validity of the remaining sections of this ordinance. The city council hereby declares that it would
80 have passed this ordinance, including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase
81 hereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more parts, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or
82 phrases may be declared invalid.

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84 **Section 4:** Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict
85 with this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that this repealer shall not repeal the repealer
86 clauses of such ordinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.

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89 INTRODUCED AS A BILL at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council

90 of the City of Littleton on the 21st day of May, 2024, passed on first reading by a vote of ____

91 FOR and ___ AGAINST; and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library,
92 the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

93 PUBLIC HEARING on the Ordinance to take place on the 4th day of June, 2024,
94 in the Council Chamber, Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado, at the
95 hour of 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

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97 PASSED on second and final reading, following public hearing, by a vote of
98 FOR and _____ AGAINST on the 4th day of June, 2024 and ordered published by posting at
99 Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

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101 ATTEST:

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103 Colleen L. Norton
104 CITY CLERK

Kyle Schlachter
MAYOR

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106 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

107 _____
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109 Reid Betzing
110 CITY ATTORNEY

