



Legal Notice

Date: 06/06/2024

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 second reading and public hearing

CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO

**ORDINANCE 14
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ORDINANCE NO. 14

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3-20-18: HOURS OF OPERATION:

A medical marijuana center may open no earlier than EIGHT O’CLOCK (8:00) A.M.. and shall close no later than TWELVE O’CLOCK (12:00) A.M. the same day. A medical marijuana center may be open seven (7) days a week.

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

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

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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.

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

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

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67 **3-21-19: HOURS OF OPERATION:**

68 A retail marijuana store may open no earlier than EIGHT O’CLOCK (8:00) A.M. and shall close
69 no later than TWELVE O’CLOCK (12:00) A.M. the same day. A retail marijuana store may be
70 open seven (7) days a week.

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72 **3-21-35: LIMITATION ON SIZE:**

73 Retail marijuana establishment shall be limited to a maximum floor plan of FOUR THOUSAND
74 (4,000) SQUARE FEET.

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

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

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

89 of the City of Littleton on the 21st day of May, 2024, passed on first reading by a vote of 6

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90 FOR and 0 AGAINST; and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library,
91 the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

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

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96 PASSED on second and final reading, following public hearing, by a vote of
97 6 FOR and 0 AGAINST on the 4th day of June, 2024 and ordered published by posting at
98 Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

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100 ATTEST:

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Colleen L. Norton

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CITY CLERK

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105 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY

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MAYOR

