City Council Item

February 24, 2025

Item	Discuss Ordinance XXX: Amending Chapter 1, Chapter 11, and Chapter 20 of Chanhassen City Code regarding the regulation of Cannabis Businesses	
File No.		**Item No:** A.5
Agenda Section	**5:30 P.M. - WORK SESSION**	
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SUGGESTED ACTION No formal action suggested. Discussion only.	
Motion Type	Simple Majority Vote of members present
Strategic Priority	Development & Redevelopment

SUMMARY

At the December 9, 2024 City Council meeting the City Council voted to table the draft ordinance related to the zoning regulations associated with cannabis business operations for further discussions regarding the potential for buffering cannabis retail stores (dispensaries) from schools and residential treatment facilities, and potentially add buffering for liquor and tobacco uses as well. The City Council again discussed this item during their work session on December 9, 2024 and held further discussion about the merits for buffering alcohol, tobacco, and cannabis retail operations from schools and residential treatment facilities.

BACKGROUND

DISCUSSION

BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council recommend adoption of the ordinance as attached which would require a 500' buffer for retail cannabis (dispensary) businesses from schools and residential treatment facilities but would not enact a buffer for alcohol and tobacco sales from those same locations as they are not currently subject to any buffering.

Staff recommends that the City Council provide definitive direction related to potential buffering so that a formal Ordinance regulating cannabis businesses can be prepared and be considered for adoption at the March 10th City Council meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance - Cannabis Zoning Ordinance V6
Map - Cannabis Zoning with buffers
Map - Liquor License proximity to schools
Map - Liquor and Tobacco Store Proximity to schools