

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Cinde Morris , Deputy clerk
DATE: January 20, 2026
SUBJECT: Approve low potency hemp edible retail registrations for 2026.
ITEM NUMBER: 8.e
SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

REQUESTED MOTION

To approve the following low potency hemp edible retail registrations for 2026 with contingencies:

- Kowalski's Market, 441 Highway 96 West, Shoreview, MN
 - Contingent on final approval from the Office of Cannabis Management
- SPMG Holding Inc. dba Jim's Liquor, 1077 Highway 96, Shoreview, MN
 - Contingent on final approval from the Office of Cannabis Management
- Target Corporation dba Target Store T-0619, 3800 Lexington Ave, Shoreview, MN
 - Contingent on final approval from the Office of Cannabis Management and successful background checks for its managers

INTRODUCTION

Last December, the city council approved updates to chapter 10, article IV regarding cannabis businesses. The updates removed any language referencing edible cannabinoids. This is due to changes in Minnesota Statutes where lower-potency hemp edibles (LPHE) have replaced edible cannabinoids. Lower-potency hemp edibles are already included in the definition of approved products and other regulations throughout article IV. Under these updates, retailers wishing to sell lower-potency hemp edible products will need to obtain a state license, as well as register with the city.

The city has received three registration applications and the city council is being asked to approve them with contingencies.

DISCUSSION

In October 2025 the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM), opened the application period for LPHE licenses. The application period was only open for that month. Three Shoreview businesses applied for both a state LPHE license and a city registration: Kowalski's Market, Jim's Liquor, and Target. All required paperwork and fees have been submitted to the city. The background checks have also been completed or are in progress.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending that the city council approve the following low potency hemp edible retail registrations for 2026 with contingencies:

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 - Contingent on final approval from the Office of Cannabis Management, background investigations

The city will not issue the registrations until the state approvals are received and background checks completed.

ATTACHMENTS

[Kowalski's](#)

[SPMG Holding dba Jim's Liquor](#)

[Target Corporation dba Target Store T-0619](#)