

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Renee Eisenbeisz , Assistant City Manager
DATE: July 21, 2025
SUBJECT: Approve cannabis retail registrations for the remainder of 2025
ITEM NUMBER: 10.i
SECTION: GENERAL BUSINESS

REQUESTED MOTION

To approve the following cannabis retail registrations for the remainder of 2025 with contingencies:

- Vibes MN Corp, 1080 County Road E West, Shoreview, MN
 - Contingent on final approval from the Office of Cannabis Management
- Sweet Leaf Dispensary LLC, 5999 Rice Creek Parkway Suite #105, Shoreview, MN
 - Contingent on final approval from the Office of Cannabis Management, certificate of liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance

INTRODUCTION

Last December, the city council adopted an ordinance updating chapter 10, article IV regarding requirements for cannabis retailers and events. Under this ordinance, the city requires all cannabis retailers to register with the city and sets a limit on the number of cannabis retailers within the city. The city will have no more than three cannabis retail registrations and they will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. This limit does not count for secondary retailers that sell lower-potency hemp edibles.

Earlier this year, the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM), started processing licenses and has issued preliminary approvals for two businesses in Shoreview, Vibes MN Corp and Sweet Leaf Dispensary LLC. The city received registration applications for both of these businesses and the city council is being asked to approve them with contingencies.

DISCUSSION

Vibes MN Corp, 1080 County Road E West, opened in early 2024 and has been operating under a city cannabinoid license. They recently received preliminary approval from OCM for a microbusiness which includes cultivating and manufacturing in addition to retail operations. Per OCM, businesses can split these three operations across multiple locations. Owners Farzana Sharmin and Cory Morrison applied for a retail registration with the city at its existing location, 1080 County Road E West. This property is in the C2, general commercial zoning district, which allows for cannabis retail businesses. All required paperwork and fees have been submitted and background checks have been completed.

Sweet Leaf Dispensary LLC, recently received preliminary approval from OCM for a microbusiness. Owners Ryan Wolff and Todd Andrusko have applied for a retail registration

with the city at 5999 Rice Creek Parkway Suite #105. This property is in the Rice Creek Corporate Park planned unit development, which has an underlying commercial zoning, which allows for cannabis retail businesses. The city is still waiting on their certificate of liability insurance and workers' compensation insurance but all other required paperwork and fees have been submitted and background checks have been completed.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending that the city council approve the following cannabis retail registrations for the remainder of 2025 with contingencies:

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The city will not issue the licenses until the above documents are submitted. If approved, the city would have one remaining registration to issue.

ATTACHMENTS

[Vibes MN Corp](#)

[Sweet Leaf Dispensary LLC](#)