



TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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Memorandum

To: TPZ Commission
From: Planning Staff
Date: March 22, 2024
Re: Cannabis Regulations

The Town planner's office is in the process of reviewing the town Cannabis Regulations, Section 6.16. As part of this review, we are in the process of mapping the existing and potential locations for cannabis retail and cannabis production and evaluating our current regulations.

History of Cannabis regulations:

The regulations were initially adopted for Medical Marijuana in 2014 and subsequently modified in 2018.

The 2018 amendment removed the 1,000 ft distance requirement for dispensaries (retail) from specific uses such as a place of worship and from property zoned for single family residential use. The 2018 amendment also removed the 1,000 ft separation distance requirement between dispensaries and production facilities. The amended regulations retained the distance requirements for production facilities of 100 ft from single family residential and other listed uses such as a place of worship.

The next major amendment to the regulations was in response to the legalization of adult use cannabis by the State of CT in 2021. This amendment added the adult use sales and cultivation categories. The amendment kept most of the requirements the same from the previous set of regulations with the exception of adding a 500' distance separation requirement between adult use cannabis retail or hybrid-retail establishments. The TPZ amended these regulations in January of 2022 to incorporate the PD Zone.

The Town Planners office will present additional information at the TPZ meeting on 3-27 regarding cannabis regulations.