

Cannabis in Municipalities

Q & A for Citizens

With the legalization of cannabis, citizens may have questions about the role their municipality has with respect to this change.

What cannabis-related aspects can be regulated by a municipality, in conjunction with provincial regulations?

Some examples of things that can be regulated through a municipality's bylaw-making power are:

- location and minimum separation distances for cannabis-related facilities;
- maximum hours a standalone retail operation can operate;
- signage and look of a standalone retail operation;
- business activities relating to cannabis;
- nuisance; and
- building and fire safety standards.

Under what pieces of legislation can municipalities pass bylaws for the control of cannabis-related activities?

The authority for municipalities to pass bylaws controlling cannabis-related activities is contained in the following legislation:

- *The Cities Act, The Municipalities Act and The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010;*
- *The Planning and Development Act, 2007;*
- *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act;* and
- *The Fire Safety Act.*

Can a municipality ban the selling or consumption of cannabis in their jurisdiction?

The province has prohibited the consumption of non-medical cannabis in public places. Cannabis consumption is restricted to places that are occupied and used as a private residence, including the land associated with that private residence. A municipality cannot ban the possession or consumption of cannabis on private property.

The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Act recognizes a municipality's ability to prohibit the sale of cannabis in their jurisdiction.

Please find below, website links for further information regarding the legalization of cannabis:

Cannabis Guide for Municipalities:

<http://publications.gov.sk.ca/documents/313/108403-Cannabis-Guide-For-Municipalities.pdf>

Sample Business Licensing Bylaw for Municipalities:

<http://publications.gov.sk.ca/details.cfm?p=91090>

Cannabis in Saskatchewan:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/cannabis-in-saskatchewan>

Further information:

Please contact the following for further information on legislative authorities for municipalities regarding regulating cannabis or inquires on cannabis legalization:

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