

## Summary

### Proposed Town of Greenville Marijuana Ordinance Amendments

**BALLOT QUESTION:** *"Shall an ordinance entitled 'Town of Greenville Marijuana Establishments Ordinance and an ordinance entitled 'Proposed Amendments to the Land Use Ordinance for the Town of Greenville Relating to Marijuana Establishments' be enacted?"*

A "YES" vote means the Town will allow (opt-in, as required by state law) adult recreational use businesses and medical marijuana businesses in specific districts with a permit from the Code Enforcement Officer or the Planning Board. This would include retail stores, cultivation and nursery facilities, manufacturing facilities, and testing facilities.

A "NO" vote means the Town will not allow adult recreational use businesses and certain medical marijuana businesses, such as stores and testing facilities; BUT, the existing Town of Greenville Medical Marijuana Ordinance would still be in force to allow medical marijuana production facilities and medical marijuana dispensaries in certain districts.

**These ordinances do not regulate** personal recreational use or use by a registered patient or unregistered medical marijuana caregiver. However, these uses must abide by state law.

**Marijuana is highly regulated by the state.** Marijuana businesses must be registered and licensed by the Maine Office of Marijuana Policy.

**The proposed provisions regulate how and where marijuana businesses may operate.** For example:

1. Home occupations (with existing neighborhood impact restrictions) including small-scale cultivation and manufacturing would be allowed in many areas of Town.
2. Dispensaries would only be allowed in the Commercial/Industrial District.
3. Larger marijuana businesses would only be allowed in the Commercial/Industrial District and the Rural District, some types would be allowed in Rural Development Districts.
4. Retail stores would be prohibited in Residential and Downtown Districts, small retail stores (2,000 sf or less) would be allowed in the Village District, and retail stores would be allowed in most other areas.
5. Permitting: All businesses except Home Occupations (which require a CEO permit) would require a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board. This means there would be greater scrutiny in the review and a public hearing.

**Performance Standards would include:**

1. evidence of state compliance
2. security to prevent unauthorized access, coordination with police and fire department
3. containment for security and to control impacts to adjacent properties
4. control of emissions (e.g., odor, dust, light) that might impact adjacent properties
5. increased setbacks and limited locations for the extraction of inherently hazardous substances
6. safe and secure disposal of byproducts and waste
7. limited hours of operation – 8 am to 8 pm, and restricted locations on signage

**The proposed Ordinance(s) are available at website (<https://greenvilleme.com/>) and at the Town Office.**