

COMPANION LICENSING ORDINANCE TO BE USED WITH COUNTIES UTILIZING ZONING

ORDINANCE M2021-01

AN ORDINANCE CREATING LICENSING PROVISIONS FOR CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County that An Ordinance Creating Licensing Provisions for Cannabis Establishments is as follows:

ARTICLE 01: PURPOSE AND INTENT

The Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County enacts the following licensing ordinances in order to ensure that cannabis establishments within the unincorporated areas of the County operate in a manner which complies with state laws and regulations, protects the health, safety, and welfare of the general public, prevents potential conflicts and issues arising from ownership and employees, recognizes certain safety and security considerations, and minimizes risk of unauthorized use or access of cannabis by the general public.

ARTICLE 02: DEFINITIONS

Unless an alternative definition is explicitly stated in this section, this chapter utilizes the definitions for cannabis-related terms which are defined by SDCL 34-20G-1.

Cannabis (or Marijuana): all parts of any plant of the genus cannabis, whether growing or not, in its natural and unaltered state, except for drying or curing and crushing or crumbling. The term includes an altered state of marijuana absorbed into the human body. The term does not include fiber produced from the mature stalks of such plant, or oil or cake made from the seeds of such plant. The term does not include the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of that plant, including the seeds thereof and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than three-tenths of one percent on a dry weight basis.

Cannabis Cultivation Facility: this term is defined as a legally licensed entity that acquires, possesses, cultivates, delivers, transfers, transports, supplies, or sells cannabis and related supplies to a cannabis establishment.

Cannabis Dispensary: this term is defined as a legally licensed entity that acquires, possesses, stores, delivers, transfers, transports, sells, supplies, or dispenses cannabis, cannabis products, paraphernalia, or related supplies and educational materials.

Cannabis Establishment: cannabis cultivation facility, a cannabis testing facility, a cannabis product manufacturing facility, or a cannabis dispensary.

Cannabis Product Manufacturing Facility: this term is defined as a legally licensed entity that acquires, possesses, manufactures, delivers, transfers, transports, supplies, or sells cannabis products to a cannabis dispensary.

Cannabis Products: any concentrated cannabis, cannabis extracts, and products that are infused with cannabis or an extract thereof, and are intended for use or consumption by humans. The term includes edible cannabis products, beverages, topical products, ointments, oils, and tinctures

Cannabis Testing Facility: this term is defined as a legally licensed entity legally authorized to analyze the safety and potency of cannabis.

Department: the South Dakota Department of Health

ARTICLE 03: LICENSE REQUIRED

- (a) No cannabis establishment may be located or operate in the unincorporated area of the County without the appropriate valid and current cannabis establishment license issued by the County pursuant to this article. A violation of this provision is subject to the general penalty provision in Chapter Article 16. Each day of the violation constitutes a separate offense.
- (b) No cannabis establishment may be located or operate in the unincorporated area of the County without the appropriate valid and current cannabis establishment registration certificate issued by the Department pursuant to rules promulgated under SDCL 34-20G. A violation of this provision is subject to the general penalty provision in Article 16. Each day of the violation constitutes a separate offense.

ARTICLE 04: LICENSE APPLICATION

- (a) An application for a cannabis establishment license must be made on a form provided by the County. No other application form will be considered.
- (b) The applicant must submit the following:
 - 1. Application fee of \$25,000. The County will reimburse \$2,500 for applicants who fail to obtain a registration certificate from the South Dakota Department of Health.
 - 2. An application that will include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - i. The legal name of the prospective cannabis establishment;
 - ii. The physical address of the prospective cannabis establishment that meets the zoning requirements as well as any location requirements pursuant SDCL 34-20G and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder.
 - iii. The name, address, and birth date of each principal officer, owner, and board member of the proposed cannabis establishment.

- iv. Any additional information requested by the County.

ARTICLE 05: ISSUANCE OF LICENSE

(a) The County will issue a license unless:

1. The applicant has made a false statement on the application or submits false records or documentation; or
2. Any owners, principal officer, or board member of the applicant is under the age of twenty-one (21) years; or
3. Any owner, principal officer, or board member of the applicant has been convicted of a felony offense in the previous ten (10) years in any jurisdiction; or
4. The proposed location does not meet the applicable zoning requirements under Ordinance #B2004-01-35C or
5. The proposed location does not meet all location requirements under SDCL 34-20G and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder; or
6. The license is to be used for a business prohibited by state or local law, statute, rule, ordinance, or regulation; or
7. Any owner, principal officer, or board member of the applicant has had a cannabis establishment license revoked by any governmental entity of Deuel County or the State of South Dakota or any other State, City or County; or
8. An applicant, or an owner, principal officer, or board member thereof, is overdue in payment to the County of taxes, fees, fines, or penalties assessed against or imposed upon the applicant in relation to any cannabis establishment; or
9. The applicant will not be operating the business for which the license would be issued.

(b) In the case of an application for a cannabis dispensary license, the County will reject the application if the limit on the number of cannabis dispensaries has been reached.

(c) The license must be posted in a conspicuous place at or near the entrance to the cannabis establishment so that it may be easily read at any time.

ARTICLE 06: COUNTY NEUTRALITY AS TO APPLICANTS

(a) Upon request from the Department as to the County's preference of applicants, the County will neither support nor oppose any registration certificate application under consideration by the Department. Likewise, if inquiry is made by the Department, the County will abstain from endorsing any application as beneficial to the community.