

**RAVENNA TOWNSHIP  
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
Ordinance No. 01-2025**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RAVENNA TOWNSHIP  
ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING CANNABIS BUSINESSES**

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Ravenna ordains:

**Section I. Cannabis Businesses.** Section 202 of Ravenna Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by adding a new Section 202.11 as follows:

**202.11 Cannabis Businesses**

1) Purpose

The purpose of this Section is to protect the public health, safety, welfare of the Town's residents, and to promote the community's interest in reasonable stability in zoning, by regulating cannabis businesses within the legal boundaries of the Town.

2) Authority

The Town is authorized by Minnesota Statutes, section 342.13(c) to adopt reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of the operation of a cannabis business, including the adoption of zoning regulations under Minnesota Statutes, section 462.357. The Town is also authorized to register cannabis businesses under Minnesota Statutes, section 342.22 and to regulate the use of cannabis in public places under Minnesota Statutes, section 152.0263, subdivision 5. The intent of this section is to comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 342 and the rules promulgated thereunder. References to statutes shall include any amendments made to those sections and includes any successor provisions.

3) Definitions

For the purpose of this Section, the following terms shall have the meaning given them in this subsection. Any term not defined in this subsection shall have the meaning given the term in Minnesota Statutes, section 342.01, or in the rules promulgated by the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management, including any amendments made thereto.

- a) Adult-Use Cannabis Product: Has the meaning given the term in Minnesota Statutes, section 342.01, subdivision 4.
- b) Cannabis Business: Has the meaning given the term in Minnesota Statutes, section 342.01, subdivision 14, and includes all businesses listed thereunder. For the purposes of this section, the term also includes hemp manufacturers and hemp retailers.
- c) Cannabis Cultivator: A cannabis business licensed or endorsed by the Office of Cannabis Management under Minnesota Statutes, section 342.30, or such other law as may apply, to cultivate cannabis.

- d) Cannabis Event Organizer: A cannabis business licensed or endorsed by the Office of Cannabis Management under Minnesota Statutes, section 342.39, or such other law as may apply, to hold temporary cannabis events.
- e) Cannabis Manufacturer: A cannabis business licensed or endorsed by the Office of Cannabis Management under Minnesota Statutes, section 342.31, or such other law as may apply, to manufacture cannabis.
- f) Cannabis Wholesaler: A cannabis business licensed or endorsed by the Office of Cannabis Management under Minnesota Statutes, section 342.33, or such other law as may apply, to sell cannabis at wholesale.
- g) Cannabis Retailer: A cannabis business licensed or endorsed by the Office of Cannabis Management under Minnesota Statutes, section 342.32, or such other law as may apply, to sell cannabis at retail.
- h) Cannabis Testing Facility: A cannabis business licensed or endorsed by the Office of Cannabis Management under Minnesota Statutes, section 342.37, or such other law as may apply, to test cannabis.
- i) Cannabis Transporter: A cannabis business licensed or endorsed by the Office of Cannabis Management under Minnesota Statutes, section 342.35, or such other law as may apply, to transport cannabis.
- j) Cannabis Deliverer: A cannabis business licensed or endorsed by the Office of Cannabis Management under Minnesota Statutes, section 342.41, or such other law as may apply, to sell deliver cannabis.
- k) Daycare: A location licensed with the Minnesota Department of Human Services to provide the care of a child in a residence outside the child's own home for gain or otherwise, on a regular basis, for any part of a 24-hour day.
- l) Hemp Manufacturer: A cannabis business licensed or endorsed by the Office of Cannabis Management under Minnesota Statutes, section 342.43, or such other law as may apply, to manufacture lower-potency hemp edibles.
- m) Hemp Retailer: A cannabis business licensed or endorsed by the Office of Cannabis Management under Minnesota Statutes, section 342.43, or such other law as may apply, to sell lower-potency hemp edibles at retail.
- n) Lower-Potency Hemp Edible: Has the same meaning given the term in Minnesota Statutes, section 342.01, subdivision 50.
- o) Medical Cannabis Combination Business: A cannabis business licensed or endorsed by the Office of Cannabis Management under Minnesota Statutes, section

342.515, or such other law as may apply, to cultivate, manufacture, package, and sell cannabis.

- p) Office of Cannabis Management: The Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management, which has the powers and duties set out in Minnesota Statutes, section 342.02.
- q) Place of Public Accommodation: A business, accommodation, refreshment, entertainment, recreation, or transportation facility of any kind, whether licensed or not, whose goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages or accommodations are extended, offered, sold, or otherwise made available to the public.
- r) Public Place: A public park or trail, public street or sidewalk; any enclosed, indoor area used by the general public, including, but not limited to, restaurants; bars; any other food or liquor establishment; hospitals; nursing homes; auditoriums; arenas; gyms; meeting rooms; common areas of rental apartment buildings, and other places of public accommodation.
- s) Residential Treatment Facility: Has the meaning given the term in Minnesota Statutes, section 245.462, subdivision 23.
- t) School: A public school as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.05, or a nonpublic school that must meet the reporting requirements under Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.24.

4) Allowed Uses

- a) Zoning Districts. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Zoning Ordinance, the following uses are allowed in the identified zoning districts with the issuance of an interim use permit.

<u>Use</u>	<u>Zoning District</u>
<u>Cannabis Retailer</u>	<u>Rural Residential (RR-1)</u>
<u>Hemp Retailer</u>	<u>Rural Residential (RR-1)</u>
<u>Cannabis Cultivator</u>	<u>Rural Residential (RR-1)</u>
<u>Cannabis Manufacturer</u>	<u>Rural Residential (RR-1)</u>
<u>Hemp Manufacturer</u>	<u>Rural Residential (RR-1)</u>
<u>Cannabis Wholesaler</u>	<u>Rural Residential (RR-1)</u>
<u>Cannabis Testing Facility</u>	<u>Rural Residential (RR-1)</u>
<u>Cannabis Transporter</u>	<u>Rural Residential (RR-1)</u>
<u>Cannabis Deliverer</u>	<u>Rural Residential (RR-1)</u>
<u>Cannabis Event Organizer</u>	<u>Rural Residential (RR-1)</u>
<u>Medical Cannabis Combination Business</u>	<u>Rural Residential (RR-1)</u>

- b) Medical Cannabis Combination Business. A medical cannabis combination business shall, for the purposes of determining in which zoning districts the

particular cannabis business may be located, be classified as a cannabis cultivator, cannabis manufacturer, and/or a cannabis retailer depending on the scope of its operations.

5) Permit Required

No cannabis business shall operate within the Town without first obtaining an interim use permit from the Town in accordance with Section 070 of the Zoning Ordinance.

6) Buffer Zones

a) Buffer Distances. Except as provided below, no cannabis business shall be located or operate within:

(i) 1,000 feet of a school;

(ii) 500 feet of a residential treatment facility;

(iii) 500 feet of a daycare facility; or

(iv) 500 feet of an attraction within a public park that is regularly used by minors including, but not limited to, playgrounds and athletic fields.

b) Nonconforming. A cannabis business lawfully established and operating in a location may continue to operate as a lawful nonconforming use if a school, residential treatment facility, daycare facility, or park is established within the required buffer distance. A cannabis business that becomes nonconforming is subject to the restrictions in Minnesota Statutes, section 462.357, subdivision 1e.

7) Performance Standards

Cannabis businesses shall comply with the performance standards and restrictions set out in this Section and with all other applicable Minnesota and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances.

a) Licensing. No cannabis business may operate within the Town unless it licensed by the Office of Cannabis Management, and then only to the extent allowed by the licenses and endorsements issued to the cannabis business.

b) Registration. No cannabis business may operate within the Town unless it is currently registered with the County, if registration of the particular type of cannabis business is required under Minnesota Statutes, section 342.22. If the County acts to suspend the registration the cannabis business shall cease all activities associated with registered business until the registration is reinstated. If the County acts to cancel a registration, the cannabis business shall cease all activities associated with the registered business.

- c) Town Zoning Ordinance. Every cannabis business shall comply with all applicable requirements of this Zoning Ordinance.
- d) Building Code. Cannabis businesses shall comply with all applicable building and fire codes.
- e) Hours of Operation. No cannabis business with a license or endorsement authorizing the retail sale of cannabis flower or cannabis products may sell cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products outside of the hours of operation established by the County. If the County does not establish specific hours of operation, the hours established in Minnesota Statutes, section 342.27, subdivision 7 shall apply.
- f) Retail Sales. Any cannabis business licensed or endorsed to sell cannabis or lower-potency hemp edibles at retail shall comply with the following:
  - (i) The owner shall include a copy of the operating plan required under Minnesota Statutes, section 342.32, subdivision 3 as part of the application materials for an interim use permit for the cannabis business; and
  - (ii) Comply with the prohibitions contained in Minnesota Statutes, section 342.27, subdivision 12 including, but not limited to, not operating a drive-through window, not dispensing products using a vending machine, and not making sales when the cannabis business knows that any required security or statewide monitoring system is not operational.
  - (iii) All parking areas, loading areas and access drives to parking and loading areas shall be durable and dustless.
- g) Cannabis Cultivation. Any cannabis business licensed or endorsed to cultivate cannabis shall comply with the following:
  - (i) The owner shall include a copy of the operating plan required under Minnesota Statutes, section 342.30, subdivision 3 as part of the application materials for an interim use permit for the cannabis business; and
  - (ii) Comply with the requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section 342.25 and all applicable rules established for such operations.
- h) Lower-Potency Hemp Edibles. The sale of lower-potency hemp edibles are subject to the restrictions and requirements of this subsection.
  - (i) The sale of lower-potency hemp edibles is only allowed in places that limit admission to persons 21 years of age and older.



restrictions and requirements placed on an event will vary depending on the anticipated size and may include, but are not limited to, traffic routing, parking, security, sanitation facilities, garbage, first aid, limitations on amplified music and public address systems, insurance coverages, and maximum attendance.

d) Enforcement. The Town may suspend or revoke a cannabis event permit if the event organizer fails to comply with the conditions placed on the permit in any material way after being informed of the violation and the need to correct it. The Town may deny issuing a permit to an event organizer that failed to comply with any cannabis event permit issued within the preceding three years.

9) Public Use of Cannabis

No person shall use cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp derived consumer products in a public place or a place of public accommodation, unless the premises is a cannabis business licensed by the Office of Cannabis Management for on-site consumption.

**Section II. Incorporation of Amendments.** The Town Attorney and Town Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed to incorporate the amendments made by this ordinance, and any previous amendments that have not been incorporated, into the Zoning Ordinance, including updating the table of contents and making non-substantive corrections as may be needed. Such updated document shall constitute the Town's official Ravenna Township Zoning Ordinance.

**Section III. Effective Date.** This Ordinance is effective on the first day of publication of an approved summary.

Adopted this 13 day of February, 2025.



BY THE TOWN BOARD

Carl Reuter  
Carl Reuter, Vice Chairperson

Attest: Caroline Spurgeon  
Caroline Spurgeon, Clerk-Treasurer

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