

SUBJECT: NON-MEDICAL CANNABIS RETAIL STORES POLICY

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ORIGIN: ADMINISTRATION

General Characteristics

The following will be considered by staff and referred to Council when reviewing rezoning and temporary use permit applications or Provincial license referrals for new non-medical cannabis retail stores:

- The store should be in an established retail location or shopping centre to minimize nuisance to nearby neighbours;
- Not more than one store per parcel or per shopping centre;
- Pedestrian entrance to the store should be from an existing street frontage or from within an existing shopping centre such that it is clearly visible to the public;
- The store should be at least 200 m (in a straight line from closest lot line to closest lot line) from an elementary, middle, or secondary school; or a playground, or community recreation centre;
- The store must be at least 200 m (in a straight line from closest lot line from primary entrance to primary entrance) from another non-medical cannabis retail store;
- Operating hours will be from 9 am to 11 pm in accordance with Provincial regulations;
- Signage must comply with Provincial requirements and the applicable requirements of the Saanich Sign Bylaw;
- Parking must be provided in accordance with the Zoning Bylaw requirement for retail sale of goods and services or in the case of a shopping centre, the applicable shopping centre requirement based on gross leasable area of the centre;
- Best practices for Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) should be considered;
- No odours should be detectable from outside the store;
- Evidence is required that the company has applied for a provincial licence; and
- A Saanich Business Licence will be required.

Approval Process

- Owners/occupiers within a 180 metre radius shall be notified of the application.
- The application will be referred to School District No. 61 and 63, Saanich Police, and the relevant community association for up to 30 days, to ensure that their comments are considered in Council's decision.
- Prior to submitting an application, the applicant is expected to discuss the proposal with the local community association and hold at least one information meeting.