



REGULATING & LICENSING CANNABIS IN BORDENTOWN CITY

HOW WE GOT HERE...

In November 2020, New Jersey voters overwhelmingly approved the legalization of adult-use recreational cannabis by 67%, with 8 out of 10 Bordentown City voters supporting the measure.

In early 2021, new State law gave cities like Bordentown until August 21, 2021 to do one of three things:

- 1) Opt out and prohibit cannabis businesses within city borders;
- 2) Opt in and take action to regulate cannabis businesses within city borders;
- 3) Do nothing and have little local control over cannabis establishments for five years.



BORDENTOWN CITY'S CHOICE

With cannabis now the law of the land throughout New Jersey, the City chose to **opt in** and craft a thorough ordinance that adopts a measured approach to control the establishment and licensing of cannabis businesses within city limits, setting the maximum number of permits as follows:

Cultivation: 2 / Manufacturing: 2 / Retail: 2 / Delivery: 1



MOVING FORWARD...

Ordinance 2021-15 is designed to attract the best companies seeking to enter the new market by:

- Creating a **City license process** to evaluate prospective applicants seeking to grow, manufacture, and/or sell cannabis-related products within Bordentown City
 - Cannabis Advisory Committee will help vet applications for commitment to: local hiring, workforce development, social justice, supporting community-based initiatives, improving the City's overall quality of life
 - Sets application fees – \$5,000 annual business registration; \$5,000 transfer fee; \$10,000 upon sale – and penalties for violations
 - Mandates a Local Host Agreement to mitigate potential impacts and set forth support for community programs and workforce development initiatives
 - Sets parameters for hours of operations from 8 am to 10 pm; establishes security and environmental requirements, such as odor mitigation
- Establishes appropriate **zoning standards** to ensure the city is not overrun by the industry:
 - Businesses barred from selling products within a drug-free school zone
 - Ensures a respectful buildout of the industry by barring retailers from being located within 1000 feet of another one; requiring odor mitigation; and prohibiting signage that glorifies the use of cannabis
 - Complies with existing zoning regulations by limiting retail establishments to Routes 130 and 206, to mitigate parking and traffic concerns; limits cultivation and manufacturing to the industrial zone off Route 206 at Elizabeth Street
 - Requires all projects to adhere to current development standards and obtain Planning Board site plan approval; establishes requirements for parking, setbacks, and landscaping
- Provides **long-term financial benefits** to the city and taxpayers by setting taxation rates that will create a steady stream of revenue:
 - 1% tax on medical cannabis sales
 - 2% tax on recreational cannabis sales

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