

## Cannabis

### **General Information**

In August 2023, the State of Minnesota legalized recreational cannabis for adults 21 years of age and older. In July 2025, the City of Shorewood passed Ordinance 625, enacting regulations for cannabis businesses as well as the public use of cannabis.

### **Limiting of Registrations**

State law requires municipalities to allow one cannabis business per 12,500 residents, meaning the City will license one cannabis business. Business hours are limited to 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### **Minimum Buffer Requirements**

The City established minimum buffer distances that cannabis businesses must have from schools, daycares, parks, and treatment centers. Minimum buffers are measured from property line to property line. They are as follows:

- School: 700 ft.
- Daycare, residential treatment center, or public park: 500 ft.
- Another retail cannabis business: 500 ft.

A retail cannabis location can continue to operate if one of the above land uses moves within the buffer distance after a retail cannabis location is licensed.

### **Business License Suspension**

The City of Shorewood may suspend a cannabis retail business' registration if it violates the ordinance of the City of Shorewood or poses an immediate threat to the health and safety of the public. The City of Shorewood shall immediately notify the cannabis retail business in writing the grounds for the suspension.

The City of Shorewood shall immediately notify the State Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) of the grounds for the suspension. OCM will provide the City of Shorewood and cannabis business retailer a response to the complaint within seven calendar days and perform any necessary inspections within 30 calendar days.

The suspension of a cannabis retail business registration may be for up to 30 calendar days, unless OCM suspends the license for a longer period. The business may not make sales to customers if their registration is suspended.

The City of Shorewood shall not reinstate a registration until a written determination from the OCM that the violations have been resolved. The City of Shorewood shall reinstate a registration if OCM determines that the violations have been resolved.

### Retail Cannabis Locations

A retail cannabis business is only allowed in the C-1 General Commercial District and is permitted via an Interim Use Permit.



The parcels above are currently the only properties in the City of Shorewood where a retail cannabis location would be permitted. They include the Cub Foods property and the adjacent strip mall as well as the three commercial parcels at the corner of Vine Hill Road and the State Highway 7 Service Road.

### Temporary Cannabis Events

Retail cannabis businesses can request to host temporary cannabis events by completing an application with the City. The non-refundable application fee is \$500 per day per event. Such events can only be held between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. No on-site consumption of cannabis is allowed, and the location of the event must meet the minimum buffer requirements for retail cannabis businesses.

### Use in Public Places

Use of cannabis or hemp-derived products is prohibited in a public place or business unless the establishment is a retail cannabis location or an event licensed to permit on-site consumption of these products.