

CANNABIS STORE GUIDELINES

Objectives

1. To ensure opportunities for Cannabis Stores on main streets and in communities are balanced with opportunities for other types of commercial uses. A variety of commercial uses provide communities with options, supports economic diversification and helps build a complete retail street.
2. To promote a full range and a mix of commercial uses and opportunities along main streets and in communities.
3. To avoid the potential for negative perceptions that may be created about a community when there is an over concentration or clustering of Cannabis Stores along a main street or in a community.
4. To ensure Cannabis Stores are not located too close to public and private schools in order to limit convenient access and lower the profile and visibility of cannabis to young persons.
5. To manage the potential socio-economic impacts of the clustering and concentration of Cannabis Stores.
6. To recognize the unique status of Eighth Avenue South in the downtown as a central destination for shopping, restaurants, entertainment and Calgary's only pedestrian mall, and to balance opportunities for Cannabis Stores in this area with opportunities for other uses.

Guidelines

Concentration of Cannabis Stores in communities

There should not be a significant long-term difference in the concentration of Cannabis Stores between different main streets, communities or other areas. Recognizing that every location has unique characteristics (e.g. schools and other factors that affect a Cannabis Store location), generally a significant long-term difference would be characterized by more than a 25 per cent difference in the concentration of Cannabis Stores per unit population.

Separation Distance Between Cannabis Stores

The Development Authority must consider the overall number and density of Cannabis Stores on a main street, community or other area in comparison to other main streets, communities or areas in Calgary when considering a request for a reduction to the minimum separation distance between Cannabis Stores.

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Additionally, the development authority may consider a reduction in the separation distance between Cannabis Stores when:

1. There is only one other Cannabis Store within the minimum separation distance; and
2. A proposed Cannabis Store is located on a different street or on the opposite side of the same street as the existing Cannabis Store;
3. A major road, expressway or river separates the proposed Cannabis Store from the existing Cannabis Store;
4. The proposed Cannabis Store is located in an enclosed shopping centre; or
5. An existing approved Cannabis Store proposes to relocate to a new location within 300 metres of its original location, provided that it does not move within the separation distance of a different Cannabis Store.

Separation distance to a school or an Emergency Shelter

The Development Authority may consider a minor reduction in the separation distance between a proposed Cannabis Store and a parcel that contains an Emergency Shelter or public or private school. If the depth of the average setback area from the property line of a parcel containing the Emergency Shelter or school building is more than or equal to the proposed relaxation it may be reduced that amount up to a maximum of 15 metres.

Separation distance to a vacant municipal and school reserve or school reserve parcel

The Development Authority may consider issuing a time-limited Development Permit for a Cannabis Store when considering a reduction in the separation distance between a Cannabis Store and a vacant municipal and school reserve or school reserve parcel.

Location near a Payday Loan, Pawn Shop, Place of Worship or Child Care Service

The Development Authority should generally not approve a Cannabis Store within 30 metres of a Payday Loan, Pawn Shop or Place of Worship and within 10 metres of a Child Care Service. The Development Authority is not required to apply this guideline in all cases, but should consider the overall number and concentration of Payday Loans, Pawn Shops and Cannabis Stores on a Main Street or in an area, as well as the local context.

Locations on Eighth Avenue South in the Downtown between Macleod Trail S.E. and Ninth Street S.W.

To ensure opportunities for a broad range and mix of commercial uses along Eighth Avenue South, the Development Authority should generally not approve a Cannabis Store on a parcel that abuts Eighth Avenue South when it:

- a) Is between Macleod Trail S.E. and Ninth Street S.W.
- b) has an at-grade exterior entrance; and
- c) is within 300 metres of another Cannabis Store with an at-grade exterior entrance on a parcel that abuts Eighth Avenue South.