

Cannabis Store Rules and Policy Background

2018 April 05 – Bylaw 25P2018 and 26P2018

Council gave first, second, and third reading to the Land Use Bylaw amendments in Bylaw 25P2018 to put in place the definition and rules for Cannabis Store, Cannabis Counselling and Cannabis Facility.

Council gave first reading only to the Land Use Bylaw amendments in Bylaw 26P2018 and withheld second and third reading until the date of cannabis legalization was known.

Bylaw 26P2018 listed Cannabis Store as a discretionary use in the same districts where Liquor Store is also a listed use, as follows:

Chart 1: Districts that will include Cannabis Store as a Discretionary Use

Commercial	Industrial	Centre City	Commercial Residential	Centre City East Village	Mixed Use
C-N1	I-G*	CC-X	CR20-C20/R20	CC-ET	MU-1
C-N2	I-E	CC-COR		CC-EIR	MU-2
C-C1	I-C	CC		CC-EMU	
C-C2				CC-EPR	
C-COR1					
C-COR2					
C-COR3					
C-R1					
C-R2					
C-R3					

* = A discretionary use only in conjunction with a Cannabis Facility

2018 June 25 – Guidelines amended by Council resolution

Council amended the *Cannabis Store Guidelines* and adopted by resolution a 30 metre separation distance from Cannabis Stores to Places of Worship, Pawn Shops and Payday Loans. This was in response to the motion arising made on 2018 April 05, moved by Councillor Carra, seconded by Councillor Davison, “That Council direct Administration to consider amendments to the bylaw and/or district and/or use rules for Cannabis Stores to consider the pros and cons of separation distances from pay day lending operations and/or pawn shops and/or places of worship and report back to Council through the SPC on Planning and Urban Development, no later than 2018 June.”

The goal of these amendments was to maintain broad opportunities for cannabis retailing balanced by guidelines to manage the impacts that grouping these uses may have on a community in terms of aesthetics, public perceptions, and ensuring opportunities for a variety of commercial uses.

2018 July 23 – Bylaw 26P2018

Second and third readings are given by Council to Bylaw 26P2018 as the date of cannabis legalization is now known (2018 October 17). This allowed Administration to render decisions on

applications and for Cannabis Store applicants to complete the work necessary to be able to open their business on or after the date of legalization.

2018 December 17 – Guidelines amended by Council resolution

Council amended the *Cannabis Store Guidelines* and adopted by resolution a 300 metre separation distance between Cannabis Stores with at-grade entrances on parcels along Eighth Avenue South in the Calgary Downtown Business Association Business Improvement Area. This portion of Eighth Avenue from Macleod Trail S.E. to Ninth Street S.W. includes Stephen Avenue Mall, a pedestrian-oriented retail, dining and entertainment area. It is important that Eighth Avenue South develop a complete retail street to support a quality public realm, livability and continued commercial and residential development. The purpose of the separation distance is to prevent clustering and ensure there is a wide variety of at-grade retail and other commercial opportunities.