

September 2025 – Community Marijuana Ordinance Summary

Of the Michigan cities, all of them impose 1,000-foot buffers between marijuana facilities and schools. Many of them also require at least 500 foot buffers from other marijuana retailers or medical provisioners, day care/childcare centers, youth centers, libraries, residential zones, churches, and substance use disorder clinics. Some Michigan communities require plans for how the retailer will undertake community improvement projects, or proof that they will provide employment to individuals with marijuana-related charges.

Of the cities outside of Michigan, Minneapolis has the smallest buffer for schools at 300 feet. Chicago requires a 500-foot buffer between marijuana retailers and schools, while Denver and Portland both require 1000-foot buffers.

*The ordinances are sorted by date, with the most recent at the top.

Michigan City	Date of Ordinance	Summary of Ordinance
Detroit, MI	8/10/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marijuana retail, microbusiness, and provisioning services may be permitted in local business, general business, major business, limited industrial, restricted industrial, general industrial, intensive industrial, or special development mixed-use districts. • Marijuana retail, designated consumption facility, microbusiness, and provisioning may not be located in drug-free zones, Gateway Radial Thoroughfare Overlay Areas or Traditional Main Street Overlay Areas • Drug-free zones are areas within 1,000 feet of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare centers • Educational institution defined as post-secondary institution such as a college, university, or community college • Library • Outdoor recreation facility • School: public or private primary, elementary, middle, junior high, or high school providing basic education, charter schools, and military academies. • Youth activity center • Public housing • The above marijuana businesses may not locate on zoning lots located less than 1,000 radial feet from a lot with a religious institution, a designated marijuana consumption establishment, another retail/provisioning facility, a microbusiness, or a lot occupied by a controlled use.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated marijuana consumption facilities can be located on the same lot or in the same building as a non-marijuana use as a separate principal use. • Multiple types of medical marijuana facilities and adult-use marijuana establishments may co-locate in the same building or facility as separate principle uses.
Kalamazoo, MI	6/20/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marijuana retailers must maintain a 1000 foot buffer from K-12 schools and other marijuana retailers • Marijuana retailers must maintain a 500 foot buffer from youth centers, public parks or pools, and licensed daycare centers • No limit on the number of provisioning centers, retailers, microbusinesses, or designated consumption lounges in city limits • Marijuana facilities are permitted in commercial community, live work, limited manufacturing, and general manufacturing districts • Provisioning centers/retailers may co-locate with growers and processing facilities if conforming to zoning code • Mobile marijuana businesses are currently prohibited • Renewal of license includes a statement documenting how many City residents are employed based on census tract, the number and rank of employees with prior marijuana conviction, and proof of status as Silver Level Social Equity All-Star <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a cannabis facility reaches Gold Level Social Equity All-Star status, the Clerk may renew the existing permit for a period of two years
Lansing, MI	5/9/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No marijuana retailer or medical provisioning center is permitted within 1000 ft of an operational public, private, or parochial K-12 school, including pre-kindergarten headstart programs • No marijuana provisioning center or retailer shall locate within 500 feet of a buffered use such as public park, commercial childcare organization, a church, a facility for substance use disorder prevention services or substance use disorder treatment and rehabilitation services • Medical provisioning centers and retailers shall be limited to suburban corridor, mixed use urban corridor, mixed use community center, mixed use district center, suburban industrial, general industrial, urban industrial, and urban flex. No provisioning center or retailer shall be located within

		<p>another business. Microbusinesses shall be limited to suburban industrial, general industrial, and urban industrial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum number of provisioning centers and retailers in Lansing shall be capped at 28. One location may serve as both a provisioning center and a retailer. • Maximum number of microbusinesses and designated consumption establishments per ward shall be capped at one. • No hours of operation between 10pm-9am for provisioning centers, retailers, microbusinesses, or designated consumption facilities. • Application for license shall include: proposed business plan, proof of ownership or written consent for use of another owner's property, compliance with state-mandated security measures, floor plan, location area map, proof of insurance, and application fee • City Clerk assesses, evaluates, scores, and ranks all applications for provisioning centers, retailers, and other marijuana establishments during 30-day enrollment periods opened at their discretion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubric is 0-100 based on sufficiency, consistency with surrounding land use, resident safety, and promotion of local business • No license shall be awarded to applicants with scores below 60/100 • Temporary marijuana events are permitted subject to approval of application from Mayor
Traverse City	5/16/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marijuana adult use retailers may be permitted in Adult Use Cannabis Retailers Overlay Districts only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 10 subareas have varying accompanying standards for the buildings the marijuana facilities occupy and how many total marijuana facility licenses may be awarded per subarea • Adult use cannabis establishments may not be in operation between 10pm and 7am • An Adult Use Cannabis Retailer shall not be located within 1,000-foot radius of an existing school. • Co-location between retailers and medical provisioning centers is permitted
Warren, MI	4/27/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical provisioning, retail, and consumption establishments are permitted in intensive business districts or in light-heavy industrial zones provided that the facility is located at least 500 feet from the nearest lot line of residential zones, PUD,

		<p>public library, public park, religious institution, and 1000 feet from nearest lot line of a school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marijuana businesses are not permitted in the Downtown District, the Downtown Center, the Village Historic District, or in a TIF Authority zone. • Microbusinesses, consumption establishment licenses, or temporary marijuana facilities selling marijuana are not permitted in any zones. • Unlimited medical provisioning and retail establishment licenses may be issued by the City. • Retail, provisioning, and consumption establishments must provide a business plan, financial information disclosure, government regulation disclosure, litigation history disclosure, and description of the business' community involvement and neighborhood compatibility. • Retail establishments or consumption establishments shall co-locate only on the same property as an existing provisioning center.
Grand Rapids	9/29/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marijuana retailers or provisioning centers must not be located within 1,000 feet of a child care center or K-12 school, a public park, religious institution, substance use disorder program, youth center, residential zone district, or another marijuana facility other than a retailer or provisioning center • Marijuana retailers must not be located within 2000 feet from another retailer or provisioning center when located in a mixed-use zone. • Microbusinesses must not be located within 1000 feet of a school, child care center, religious center, substance use disorder program, youth center, or within 500 feet of a residential zone district. • Only one marijuana facility is permitted per parcel. • In mixed-use commercial and industrial-transportation zones, co-locations are permitted if licenses issued are for separate uses. • Applications for cannabis businesses are accepted in 3 rounds annually • No mention of designated consumption facilities in the code
Ypsilanti, MI	12/1/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marijuana microbusinesses shall not be located within 1,000 feet of a school, nor within 500 feet of an existing marijuana microbusiness • Marijuana retailers and provisioning centers shall not be located within 1,000 feet of a school, nor within 1,000 feet of a retailer or provisioning center in the general corridor district,

		<p>nor within 625 feet of retailer/provisioner in the neighborhood corridor and center district</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive-through and walk-up facilities are prohibited • With the application, a volunteerism plan must be provided outlining community projects to be completed throughout the year • Applicant must provide an area map indicating a radius of 1,000 feet from the boundaries of the proposed dispensary • Social equity component <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult-use recreational marijuana businesses should use good-faith efforts in hiring 25% of employees who are low income or live in low-income area codes • Random drug testing is prohibited • Lowest law enforcement priority: possession or smell of marijuana shall no longer constitute probable cause for investigation or arrest • City will undertake efforts to create spaces for on-site consumption • The City may impose community benefits agreements on applicants for adult-use recreational marijuana establishments
East Lansing, MI	10/29/2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marijuana establishments that obtain the necessary special use permit for a medical marijuana provisioning center facility may locate in marijuana retail and medical marijuana provisioning center facility overlay districts. There are four of these districts in the city limits. • All marijuana retailers must be located 1,000 feet from the lot lines of any school, licensed facility with after-school programs, child care centers, or daycare centers. • No medical marijuana operation or dispensary shall be located within 500 feet of another such facility • All consumption of marijuana products on the premises of provisioning centers and retailers is prohibited. • No marijuana products shall be visible to the exterior of the facility • Hours of operation for provisioning and retailers must be between 8am-9pm. • Operators of retail establishments shall provide annual donation of 1% of net profits from operations or \$5k, whichever is greater, to a qualifying tax-exempt organization.

National City	Date of Ordinance	Summary of Ordinance
Minneapolis, MN	11/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannabis dispensaries shall be located at least 300 feet from a school, grades K-12

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispensaries shall be located within a contiguous commercial or industrial area that is at least 3 acres big
Portland, OR	4/1/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marijuana regulatory license (granted to organizations looking to grow, process, sell, and transfer marijuana) will not be granted to retailers looking to locate within 1000 feet of another retailer • Medical dispensaries, retailers, or retail couriers may not locate within 1000 feet of any public elementary or secondary school • Marijuana dispensaries, businesses, and laboratories cannot locate in residential zones • Applicants may receive a license fee reduction if 25% or greater of ownership is represented by people with federal or state conviction for criminal offense of possession, delivery, or manufacture of marijuana or 20% or greater of staff hours is represented by such individuals, or applicant is a small business meeting certain qualifications • No consumption of marijuana on the premises of a licensed marijuana facility • Hours of operation must be between 7am-10pm
Denver, CO	9/19/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No hours of operation between 12am and 8am • No medical marijuana or retail center shall be located within 1,000 feet of a school, child care establishment, another medical provisioning center or retailer, any alcohol or drug treatment facility, a location where within the last 2 years preceding the application date there was a denied application for medical or retail license due to existing outlets providing reasonable requirements for the neighborhood • Marijuana provisioning centers or retailers may not locate in a residential, a main street, or a mixed use zone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shall also not locate in a neighborhood with undue concentration of marijuana store locations • A public hearing may be required prior to the issuance of a medical or retail license if parties in interest in the neighborhood submit requests • Marijuana hospitality businesses (designated consumption facilities) shall not be located within 1000 feet of a school, child care establishment, any other marijuana hospitality business, any alcohol or drug treatment facility, any city-owned recreation center or outdoor pool • Businesses offering sale and hospitality may be issued a license subject to code requirements for location and use, public hearing may be required before license issuance

Chicago, IL	12/2/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adult dispensaries may locate in commercial, certain areas of downtown, manufacturing, and planned manufacturing zoning districts.• Eliminated lottery and cap system for adult use cannabis dispensaries that was previously in place• No adult use cannabis dispensaries within 500 feet of a school• State law prohibits certain cannabis dispensaries from location within 1500 feet of another dispensary, except social equity dispensaries can locate within 1500 feet of non-social equity dispensaries• Must obtain special use permit from the ZBA, host community meeting prior to ZBA hearing, and obtain special use permit from ZBA prior to opening• Consumption may occur on premises with a consumption license
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