



City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

JAMES E. TATE, Jr.
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE

DISTRICT 1

MEMORANDUM

TO: Conrad Mallet, Corporation Counsel, Law Department
THRU: Public Health and Safety Standing Committee
FROM: Council President Pro Tempore James E. Tate, Jr.
DATE: Friday, November 22, 2024
RE: Prohibiting the sale of hemp-derived intoxicants

Please draft an ordinance adding language for the regulation of the sale and advertising of hemp-derived intoxicating products, for example Delta 8, and other intoxicants. The intended products to be regulated are hemp-derived intoxicants intended for human consumption often found in the form of edibles, pre-rolls, tinctures, and other hemp-derived cannabinoid products.

In the City of Detroit only licensed cannabis adult-use retailers, microbusinesses, medical cannabis facilities, any other type of marijuana-related business licensed to operate in accordance with the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA) and Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA), respectively, are allowed to sell THC-cannabinoid products. In the state of Michigan, a business must possess an "industrial hemp processor license" to sell hemp-derived products. The proposed law change for the City of Detroit must recognize and require a business to possess a valid State of Michigan Industrial Hemp Processor license. Furthermore, the proposed law change must limit the sell and advertising of such products to adults for lawful recreational adult-use and to medical cannabis and care-giver licensees. The unlawful sale and advertisement of hemp-derived products will result in graduated penalties including but not limited to revocation of the proprietor's business license.

In the interim of the adoption of a proposed ordinance, Pro Tem request aggressive enforcement of illegal unlicensed sales of THC-cannabinoid and hemp-derived intoxicating products.

If there are any questions, please contact Keyontay Humphries, Chief of Staff, at keyontay.humphries@detroitmi.gov.

Thank you,

CC:

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Ms. Raquel Newell, Mayor's Office

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Vice Lt. Brooks, Detroit Police Department