



CITY OF BLACKDUCK ORDINANCE #2023-03

AN INTERIM ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE SALE OF CANNABIS

The City Council of Blackduck, Minnesota, ordains:

Section 1. Background

1.01 The City recognizes the significant public interest and concern regarding recent State of Minnesota legislation legalizing the sale of cannabis.

1.02 The City desires to regulate the sale of such products in a manner that is consistent with public health, welfare, and safety, as well as in accordance with the City's interest in fairness and due process toward potential future retail establishments and purveyors of such products.

1.03 The City desires to regulate the location of where businesses may be located to sell cannabis products.

1.04 Pursuant to recently enacted Minnesota Statutes Section 342.13 (HF 100, Art. 1, Sec. 13), a local unit of government may adopt an interim ordinance to regulate, restrict, or prohibit the operation of a cannabis business within its jurisdiction until January 1, 2025.

Section 2. Findings

2.01 The City Council finds that the City has concerns about the new legislation legalizing cannabis products.

2.02 The City Council finds that its code needs to be updated to address where said products may be used and sold.

2.03 The City Council finds that additional study and research is required to formulate and adopt appropriate regulations governing the sale of cannabis products.

2.04 Therefore, the City Council finds that a moratorium on the retail sale of cannabis products is necessary to protect the planning process and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.



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Section 3. Study and Moratorium

3.01 The City Council hereby authorizes a study to be conducted by City staff to determine whether amendments need to be made to the City's official controls as they relate to retail sale of cannabis products in the City.

3.02 Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 342.13 (HF 100, Art. 1, Sec. 13), the retail sale of adult use cannabis products and concentrate as defined in Minn. Stat. § 342.01 is hereby prohibited in the City until January 1, 2025, unless earlier terminated by action of the City Council.

Section 4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective from and after its passage and publication.

Passed by the City Council of Blackduck, Minnesota this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Maxwell Gullette, Mayor

Attested:

Christina Regas, City Administrator