

DIVISION 2. REGISTRATION OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES

Sec. 26-885. Consent to registering of cannabis businesses.

- (a) No individual or entity may operate a state-licensed cannabis retail business within Ramsey without first registering with the city.
- (b) Any state-licensed cannabis retail business that sells to a customer or patient without valid retail registration shall incur a civil penalty of \$2,000.00 for each violation.
- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the state shall not issue a license to any cannabis business to operate in Indian country, as defined in United States Code, title 18, section 1151, of a Minnesota Tribal government without the consent of the tribal government.

(Ord. No. 24-12, § 2, 11-12-2024)

Sec. 26-886. Compliance checks prior to retail registration.

Pursuant to Minn. Stats. § 342, within 30 days of receiving a copy of a state license application from OCM, Ramsey shall certify on a form provided by OCM whether a proposed cannabis retail business complies with the zoning code and, if applicable, whether the proposed business complies with the state fire code and building code.

(Ord. No. 24-12, § 2, 11-12-2024)

Sec. 26-887. Registration and application procedure.

- (a) *Fees.*
 - (1) Ramsey shall not charge an application fee.
 - (2) A registration fee, as established in Ramsey's fee schedule, shall be charged to applicants depending on the type of retail business license applied for.
 - (3) An initial retail registration fee shall not exceed \$500.00 or half the amount of an initial state license fee under Minn. Stats. § 342.11, whichever is less. The initial registration fee shall include the initial retail registration fee and the first annual renewal fee.
 - (4) Any renewal retail registration fee imposed by Ramsey shall be charged at the time of the second renewal and each subsequent renewal thereafter.
 - (5) A renewal retail registration fee shall not exceed \$1,000.00 or half the amount of a renewal state license fee under Minn. Stats. § 342.11, whichever is less.
 - (6) A medical combination business operating an adult-use retail location may only be charged a single registration fee, not to exceed the lesser of a single retail registration fee, defined under this section, of the adult-use retail business.
- (b) *Application submittal.* The City of Ramsey shall issue a retail registration to a state-licensed cannabis retail business that adheres to the requirements of Minn. Stats. § 342.22.

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- (1) An applicant for a retail registration shall fill out an application form, as provided by the city. Said form shall include, but is not limited to:
 - a. Full name of the property owner and applicant;
 - b. Address, email address, and telephone number of the applicant;
 - c. The address and parcel ID for the property which the retail registration is sought;
 - d. Certification that the applicant complies with the requirements of local codes established pursuant to Minn. Stats. § 342.13.
 - (2) The applicant shall include with the form:
 - a. The application fee as required in subsection 26-887(a);
 - b. A copy of a valid state license or written notice of OCM license preapproval.
 - (3) Once an application is considered complete, the city administrator or designee shall inform the applicant as such, process the application fees, and forward the application to the community development department for approval or denial.
 - (4) The application fee shall be nonrefundable once processed.
- (c) *Application approval.*
- (1) A state-licensed cannabis retail business application shall not be approved if the cannabis retail business would exceed the maximum number of registered cannabis retail businesses permitted under subsection 26-888(e).
 - (2) A state-licensed cannabis retail business application shall not be approved or renewed if the applicant is unable to meet the requirements of this article.
 - (3) A state-licensed cannabis retail business application that meets the requirements of this article shall be approved.
- (d) *Annual compliance checks.*
- (1) The City of Ramsey Police Department shall complete at minimum one compliance check per calendar year of every cannabis business to assess if the business meets age verification requirements, as required under Minn. Stats. § 342.22, subd. 4(b) and Minn. Stats. § 342.24, and this section.
 - (2) The Ramsey Police Department shall conduct at minimum one unannounced age verification compliance check at least once per calendar year.
 - (3) Age verification compliance checks shall involve persons at least 17 years of age but under the age of 21 who, with the prior written consent of a parent or guardian if the person is under the age of 18, attempt to purchase adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products under the direct supervision of a law enforcement officer or an employee of the local unit of government.
 - (4) Any failures under this section must be reported to the office of cannabis management.
- (e) *Location change.* A state-licensed cannabis retail business shall be required to submit a new application for registration under subsection 26-887(b) if it seeks to move to a new location still within the legal boundaries of the City of Ramsey.
- (f) *Renewal of registration.*
- (1) The City of Ramsey shall renew an annual registration of a state-licensed cannabis retail business at the same time OCM renews the cannabis retail business' license.

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- (2) A state-licensed cannabis retail business shall apply to renew registration on a form established by the city.
 - (3) A cannabis retail registration issued under this article shall not be transferred.
 - (g) *Renewal fees.* The city may charge a renewal fee for the registration starting at the second renewal, as established in Ramsey's rates and fee schedule.
 - (h) *Renewal application.* The application for renewal of a retail registration shall include, but is not limited to items required under subsection 26-887(b) of this chapter.
- (Ord. No. 24-12, § 2, 11-12-2024)

Sec. 26-888. Suspension of registration.

- (a) *When suspension is warranted.* The City of Ramsey may suspend a cannabis retail business's registration if it violates this article of the city or poses an immediate threat to the health or safety of the public. The city shall immediately notify the cannabis retail business in writing the grounds for the suspension.
- (b) *Notification to OCM.* The city shall immediately notify the OCM in writing the grounds for the suspension. OCM will provide the city and cannabis business retailer a response to the complaint within seven calendar days and perform any necessary inspections within 30 calendar days.
- (c) *Length of suspension.*
 - (1) The suspension of a cannabis retail business registration may be for up to 30 calendar days, unless OCM suspends the license for a longer period. Reinstatement of the registration is dependent on the determination for the OCM. The business may not make sales to customers if their registration is suspended.
 - (2) The city may reinstate a registration if it determines that the violations have been resolved.
 - (3) The city shall reinstate a registration if OCM determines that the violation(s) have been resolved.
- (d) *Civil penalties.* Subject to Minn. Stats. § 342.22, subd. 5(e), the City of Ramsey may impose a civil penalty, as specified in Ramsey's fee schedule, for registration violations, not to exceed \$2,000.00.
- (e) *Limiting of registrations.* The City of Ramsey shall limit the number of cannabis retail businesses to no more than one registration for every 12,500 residents within city limits.

(Ord. No. 24-12, § 2, 11-12-2024)

DIVISION 3. REQUIREMENTS FOR CANNABIS BUSINESSES

Sec. 26-889. Minimum buffer requirements.

- (a) The following separation distances are measured between the customer entrance to the cannabis business to the main or primary entrance of the following uses:
 - (1) The city shall prohibit the operation of a cannabis business within 1,000 feet of a school.
 - (2) The city shall prohibit the operation of a cannabis business within 500 feet of a day care.
 - (3) The city shall prohibit the operation of a cannabis business within 500 feet of a residential treatment facility.

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- (4) The city shall prohibit the operation of a cannabis business within 500 feet of an attraction within a public park that is regularly used by minors, including a playground or athletic field.
 - (b) The city shall limit the number of retail locations within the combined COR zoning districts to one retail location. Outside the COR districts, a retail location must be at least 1,000 feet apart from another licensed retail premises, as measured between customer entrances.
 - (c) Pursuant to Minn. Stats. § 462.367, subd. 14, nothing in subsection 26-889(a) shall prohibit an active cannabis business or a cannabis business seeking registration from continuing operation at the same site if a school/daycare/residential treatment facility/attraction within a public park that is regularly used by minors moves within the minimum buffer zone.

(Ord. No. 24-12, § 2, 11-12-2024)

Sec. 26-890. Zoning and land use.

The following business types defined in this chapter are interpreted to be a part of the uses defined in chapter 106—zoning code:

- (1) *Cultivation.* Cannabis businesses licensed or endorsed for cultivation are permitted as an agricultural use in the following zoning districts:
 - RR—Rural residential district (indoor or outdoor).
 - MR—MUSA reserve district (indoor or outdoor).
 - I-1—Light industrial district (indoor only).
 - I-2—General industrial district (indoor only).
- (2) *Cannabis manufacturer.* Cannabis businesses licensed or endorsed for cannabis manufacturer are permitted as a manufacturing use in the following zoning districts:
 - I-1—Light industrial district.
 - I-2—General industrial district.
- (3) *Hemp manufacturer.* Businesses licensed or endorsed for low-potency hemp edible manufacturers permitted as a manufacturing use in the following zoning districts:
 - I-1—Light industrial district.
 - I-2—General industrial district.
- (4) *Wholesale.* Cannabis businesses licensed or endorsed for wholesale are permitted as a wholesale sales use in the following zoning districts:
 - I-1—Light industrial district.
 - I-2—General industrial district.
- (5) *Cannabis retail.* Cannabis businesses licensed or endorsed for cannabis retail are permitted as retail sales in the following zoning districts:
 - B-1—Neighborhood business district.
 - B-2—Community business district.
 - B-3—Regional business district.
 - I-1—Light industrial district.

I-2—General industrial district.

Those portions of COR and PUD approved and designed for retail sales.

- (6) *Cannabis transportation.* Cannabis businesses licensed or endorsed for transportation are permitted as a warehousing use in the following zoning districts:

I-1—Light industrial district.

I-2—General industrial district.

- (7) *Cannabis delivery.* Cannabis businesses licensed or endorsed for delivery are permitted as a warehousing use in the following zoning districts:

I-1—Light industrial district.

I-2—General industrial district.

(Ord. No. 24-12, § 2, 11-12-2024)

Sec. 26-891. Hours of operation.

Cannabis businesses are limited to retail sale of cannabis, cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Monday through Saturday and 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sundays.

(Ord. No. 24-12, § 2, 11-12-2024)

Sec. 26-892. Temporary cannabis events.

Temporary cannabis events shall not be permitted within the City of Ramsey.

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