Legal Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council Ordinance Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. by way of videoconference/teleconference for the purpose of discussing and voting on the Temporary Prohibition of all Cannabis Establishments. Please check the Ordinance Committee agenda for additional details and instructions about how to attend this Public Hearing by way of videoconference/teleconference. The Ordinance Committee agenda will be posted on the City website by November 11, 2022.

Temporary Prohibition of all Cannabis Establishments

Purpose

The purpose of this regulation, in accordance with the authority granted under Section 148 of Public Act No. 21-1 of the June 2021 Special Session, "An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis," is to temporarily prohibit adult-use cannabis establishments in the City of Norwalk.

Definitions

"Cannabis" means marijuana, as defined in section 21a–240 of the general statutes;

"Cannabis Establishment" means a producer, dispensary facility, cultivator, micro-cultivator, retailer, hybrid retailer, food and beverage manufacturer, product manufacturer, product packager, delivery service or transporter, as those terms are defined in Section 1 of Public Act 21-1; and

"Connecticut State Regulation of Cannabis" means Section 148 of Public Act No. 21-1 of the June 2021 Special Session, An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis.

Prohibition

In accordance with the authority granted under Connecticut State Regulation of Cannabis, all Cannabis Establishments are prohibited in all zoning districts in the City of Norwalk- until the effective date of the amendments to the City's zoning regulations regarding Cannabis Establishments. ~~for a period of 9 months~~.

Effective Date

This Chapter shall be effective 10 days following approval by the City of Norwalk's Common Council. ~~The Temporary Prohibition of all Cannabis Establishments shall expire on March 1, 2023, or the effective date of the amendments to the City's zoning regulations to allow retail sales of recreational Cannabis., whichever occurs first. This Chapter shall be effective 10 days following approval by the City of Norwalk's Common Council.~~

Dated at Norwalk, Connecticut this 19th **day of October 2022.**

ATTEST: _____

Irene Dixon, City Clerk

THE HOUR: Please publish once on Friday, November 4, 2022