



PLANNING BOARD

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October 29, 2024, Town Meeting Article 5 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment to Marijuana Bylaws
Frequently Asked Questions Updated 10-25-24

1. Does Littleton currently have zoning bylaws for marijuana businesses?

Yes, the Littleton Zoning Bylaw addresses medical and adult use/recreational marijuana businesses in articles XXVII (27) and XVIII (28).

2. Why is the Planning Board proposing changes to the marijuana Bylaws?

The Planning Board is proposing these changes in response to requests and complaints from residents.

3. How many marijuana cultivation facilities could be permitted under the current zoning bylaws?

There is no limit on the number of cultivation facilities that could be permitted under the current zoning bylaw.

4. How many marijuana cultivation facilities could be permitted if Article 5 passes?

Up to four cultivation facilities could be permitted under the proposed zoning bylaw. The cultivation site at 234 Taylor Street operates under a medical cultivation special permit and an adult use special permit, so there would be 2 additional special permits available: one for a craft cooperative cultivator and one for a marijuana microbusiness cultivator.

5. What is SPGA?

SPGA stands for Special Permit Granting Authority. The Planning Board is the SPGA for marijuana special permit applications.

6. There are existing marijuana businesses at locations outside of the proposed new non-retail marijuana zoning district. What would happen to them if Article 5 passes?

Two existing businesses: a marijuana testing laboratory at 160 Ayer Road, and a marijuana product manufacturer at 160 Ayer Road would become “pre-existing nonconforming” – referred to as “grandfathered” businesses. They could continue operations, but their option to expand at the current locations would be limited. There would be no impact on the marijuana businesses located at 234 Taylor Street or at 537 Great Road.

7. Please provide a red-line markup of the proposed bylaw so we can see the changes.

Red-line markup of the August 1, 2024 version is posted to this page of the Town website: <https://ma-littleton.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/8065/5-Proposed-Marijuana-Zoning-Bylaw---red-line-for-8-1-24-PB-meeting---Full-Redline>

The Planning Board indicated concern with legibility of the red-line version, and directed Town Counsel to prepare a “delete and replace” version moving forward for ease of use.

