

Recreational Marihuana Establishment FAQs

About

The Mt. Pleasant City Commission adopted ordinances related to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA) on September 9, 2019. These ordinances “opt in” to the state law allowing recreational marihuana establishments to operate within the City subject to certain limitations.

Additional Information

Submit applications to the City Clerk, 320 W. Broadway St., 2nd floor. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

The annual City licensing fee is \$5,000 which is refundable to those who do not receive final authorization from the City to operate. The \$200 application fee is non-refundable. The supplementary application fee (if a competitive process is required) is \$1,000 and is non-refundable.

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Learn more at

www.mt-pleasant.org/marihuana

What recreational marihuana establishment types are allowed in the City?

- Retailers, processors, growers, micro-businesses, secure transporters, and safety compliance facilities are allowed. Designated consumption establishments are not allowed.
- No more than five Class A growers, and no more than three Class B or C growers are allowed.
- No more than three retailers are allowed.
- No more than two micro-businesses are allowed.
- An unlimited number of processors, secure transporters and safety compliance facilities are allowed.

Where can recreational marihuana establishments be located?

- Processors, secure transporters, growers, micro-businesses, and safety compliance facilities are permitted in the SD-1 (Industrial) zoning district. Retailers are also permitted in the SD-1 district, but only when co-located with a processor or grower.
- Retailers are permitted in areas of the CD-4 and CD-5 zoning districts that are also within the Central Business Tax Increment Finance Authority (Downtown Mt. Pleasant) and the Downtown Development Authority (Mission Street and Pickard Avenue east of Mission).
- No establishments are permitted within 1,000 feet of a public or private K-12 school.
- No establishments are permitted within 500 feet of Central Michigan University, unless the establishment is located east of the CMU main campus, east of Mission Street.

What other regulations are in place for recreational marihuana establishments?

- Each establishment must adhere to standards regulating odor, lighting, signage, storage, exterior and interior appearance, hours of operation and more.
- On-site consumption of marihuana is prohibited.

How do recreational marihuana establishments receive approval to operate?

Applicants must complete the following steps before beginning to operate:

- 1.** Obtain prequalification from the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to operate a recreational marihuana establishment.
- 2.** Apply to the City of Mt. Pleasant to operate an establishment.
- 3.** Apply for and receive a Special Use Permit from the Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission.
- 4.** Apply for and receive licensure for the establishment from LARA.

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