



ITEM REPORT CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 12/2/2024
Agenda Section: Unfinished Business

Department: Planning & Zoning/Cannabis Sub Committee

Agenda Item: Cannabis Ordinance and Moratorium Discussion

Approval Required: None

BACKGROUND

The Council has a Cannabis Moratorium in place that is valid through December 31, 2024.

The Pequot Lakes Cannabis Sub Committee met on October 15, 2024. A recap of that meeting was provided to the Council on Nov. 5. At that meeting the Council asked the subcommittee to meet again to look at buffers, taxes, and use in a public space, etc. The subcommittee met again on November 15, 2024. Planning Commission Chair, Andy Ellering, will provide a recap for the Nov. 15 meeting.

We have a draft ordinance for the City of Pequot Lakes in the making, this includes markups and strikethroughs, all of which were provided by OCM as their sample ordinance. After subcommittee meetings were held, a better understanding of what was wanted in and out of our Ordinance started to be created. After this draft has been reviewed and approved by our City Attorney, it will be brought to the Council for review and approval process.

The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing (likely January 27, 2025) before making recommendations to the Council. Currently, this Public Hearing would include items relating to Chapter 17; an updated land use matrix, allowed businesses by zone, and the addition of state-defined cannabis definitions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

Council to continue the discussion on the Pequot Lakes Cannabis Ordinance.