

**CITY OF WARRENSBURG
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

October 12, 2020

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
City of Warrensburg, Missouri

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

SUBJECT: An Ordinance Adopting Article III of Chapter 28 Related To Use of Marijuana in Public Places

BACKGROUND:

This is an ordinance that would prohibit the consumption of marijuana or marijuana infused products within any public place in the City. The ordinance would not include industrial hemp products.

ISSUE:

With the legalization of medical marijuana in the State, many communities are ensuring their ordinances will address the issues associated with the use of marijuana. Our zoning ordinance will cover the creation of odors from the commercial side. Odors created by use at a private residence would fall within our nuisance restriction on noxious odors. This new ordinance will ensure that public consumption is prohibited and proactively addresses any potential issues once medical marijuana is readily available.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This meets Goal III of the Strategic Plan to maintain a safe community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS/IMPACT:

There is no economic benefit or impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approval of the Ordinance.

Sincerely,

Rich Lockhart
Chief of Police

cc: City Manager

Attachments: 1. Ordinance