

TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

TOWN MEETING

May 12, 2022

**ORDINANCE PROHIBITING USE OF CANNABIS AND CANNABIS PRODUCTS ON
TOWN PROPERTY**

Section 1. Authority

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to General Statutes Sections 7-148(c)(7)(H), as amended by Public Act 21-1 (June 2021 Special Session), Section 84, which allows municipalities to regulate activities deemed harmful to public health, including smoking, on municipally-owned or controlled property. Said law further allows a municipality to control smoking of tobacco or cannabis, including cannabis e-cigarette use (i.e., electronic delivery systems and vapor products), as well as and other types of cannabis use or consumption.

Section 2. Amendment to the Code of Ordinances

That the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Litchfield, Connecticut is hereby amended by adding a new chapter, Chapter 17, "Cannabis and Cannabis Products", which shall read as follows:

"ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS; CANNABIS USE ON TOWN PROPERTY

Sec. 17-1 Definitions

For purposes of this Chapter, the Town of Litchfield adopts the definitions used in Public Act 21-1 (June 2021 Special Session), Section 1.

Sec. 17-2 Cannabis and Cannabis Product Use Prohibited on Town Property

It shall be unlawful for any person to use cannabis or cannabis-derived products, regardless of form or manner of ingestion, on any property owned or controlled by the Town of Litchfield. This prohibition includes but is not limited to: the lighting or carrying of a lighted cannabis or marijuana cigarette or cigar or pipe, use of a vaping device producing vapor of any cannabis product, or ingestion of a cannabis edible substance. Violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of \$50.00 per offense.

**Sec. 17-3 Sale, Gift, or Transfer of Cannabis and Cannabis Products on Town
Property Prohibited**

It shall be unlawful for any person, organization, entity, or any other party to sell, give, trade, or in any other way transfer cannabis products of any sort to another person, organization, entity, or other party on property owned or controlled by the Town of Litchfield. Such products include but are not limited to: cannabis or marijuana cigarettes or cigars or pipes, vaping devices and vaping substances, and edible substances. Violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of \$50.00 per offense.”

Section 3.

This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication of a summary of its provisions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, §7-157(b).

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