

CITY OF HAYWARD, FREEBORN COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA

Resolution No. 2025-8

Amending Hayward Zoning Ordinance for Cannabis Businesses Compliance

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has enacted legislation legalizing cannabis, creating an opportunity for local governments to regulate the placement and operation of cannabis-related businesses within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Hayward, MN recognizes the importance of establishing clear zoning regulations to address the inclusion of cannabis businesses while promoting public safety, economic growth, and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is seeking to amend the City's Zoning Ordinance to define and allow cannabis-related businesses in appropriate zoning district(s), consistent with state law and local objectives; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing notice was posted in the Albert Lea, Tribune, the City of Hayward's official newspaper, on March 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, public hearing notice was also been posted on the Hayward Community Bulletin Board, ten days prior to the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing notices alerted residents and other stakeholders that the city is seeking an ordinance to regulate cannabis and hemp businesses and temporary cannabis events, per Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342 and they were invited to attend to provide input; and

WHEREAS, the regulations need to be designed to promote compatibility with existing zoning and surrounding land use. Feedback on the proposed ordinance will be gathered before it is finalized and adopted; and

WHEREAS, The City's Attorney is hereby directed to draft an ordinance amending the the City of Hayward's zoning ordinance Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances Title XV Chapter 151.27 and any other sections that may be necessary, including performance standards found in Section 151.30, if necessary, to:

- a. Define cannabis-related businesses, including cannabis retailers, cultivation facilities, and processing centers;
- b. Identify appropriate zoning districts for such uses;
- c. The City of Hayward will turn all remaining responsibilities over to Freeborn County to manage all aspects of cannabis businesses moving forward.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is intended to facilitate the orderly and transparent inclusion of cannabis-related businesses into the City's zoning framework, with due respect and consideration given to public safety, neighborhood character, and economic development;

- 1) the zoning district that best meets the afore mentioned criteria - public safety, neighborhood character, and economic development is the Industrial zoned sections.

Councilmember Dolph introduced Resolution 2025-8, a resolution amending Hayward Zoning Ordinance for Cannabis Businesses Compliance. Councilmember Mark Bangert seconded. Resolution 2025-8 passed unanimously.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Hayward:

The City Council approves moving forward with the process to amend Chapter 151, Section 151.27 and any other sections that may be necessary, including performance standards found in Section 151.30, if necessary.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Hayward, MN on this 10th day of March 2025.

By _____
Gene Flakerud, Mayor Pro tempore

Attest:

By _____
Kathryn Aase, Clerk/Treasurer