

**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 legalized cannabis, creating an opportunity for local governments to regulate the placement and operation of cannabis-related businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Hayward, MN, recognizes the need to amend its Zoning Ordinance to define and regulate cannabis-related businesses, ensuring public safety, economic growth, and compatibility with local land use; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing on this matter was published in the *Albert Lea Tribune* and posted on the Hayward Community Bulletin Board, consistent with statutory requirements; and

WHEREAS, public input is sought to develop zoning regulations that align with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342, and promote community compatibility; and

WHEREAS, the City's Attorney is directed to draft an ordinance amending Title XV, Chapter 151.27, and related sections of the Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances to:

- a. Define cannabis-related businesses, including retailers, cultivators, and processors;
- b. Identify appropriate zoning districts for such uses; and
- c. Transfer all remaining regulatory responsibilities to Freeborn County;

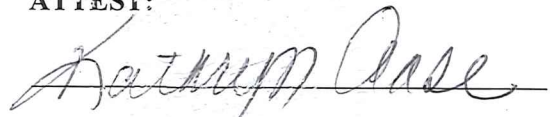
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The City Council of Hayward approves initiating the amendment process for Title XV, Chapter 151, and related provisions, identifying Industrial-zoned areas as the most appropriate for cannabis-related businesses. This decision prioritizes compatibility with existing zoning, surrounding land use, public safety, neighborhood character, and economic development.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of March 2025.



Eugene Flaskerud, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:



Kathryn Aase, City Clerk/Treasurer