

Retail Cannabis Local Control

Once a Town opts-in, the Town **CANNOT** prohibit the operation of retail cannabis through a bylaw or ordinance. (24 VSA 2291)

Only the voters can determine whether or not retail can be established

Regulation of Retail Cannabis

The Town **MAY** regulate the operation of retail cannabis through licensing- such as hours of operation and proximity to schools

The Selectboard **MAY** be established as the local control commission similar to their role as the local liquor commission.

Zoning may be used to allow this use only in certain districts. It cannot be used to regulate the content of signage or prohibit the use townwide.

Local Cannabis Control Commission

The Selectboard, as the local Cannabis Control Commission may establish licensing with regulations akin to approving local liquor licenses:

- License is contingent on compliance with statute, premises safety (fire codes, etc), and any local regulations
- Requirement for annual police and fire inspection for compliance

Licensing

- State licensing rules have not been developed and may impact local decision making
- Local license can be denied, revoked or suspended following due process on evidence of non-compliance.
- Follow-up with State Cannabis Control Board.
- Provisions must be spelled out in an ordinance adopted by the Selectboard following normal ordinance adoption process.