

**CITY OF FOREST LAKE  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 766**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XV, CHAPTER 153, SECTION 153.092 (UU), PERTAINING TO  
CANNABIS BUSINESSES**

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST LAKE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Amendment.** Title XV, Chapter 153, Section 153.092 STANDARDS FOR USES of the Forest Lake City Code is hereby amended as follows. The **bold and underline** text are proposed additions to the code, the ~~strikeout~~ deletes text, and all other Section text shall remain unchanged.

(UU) *Cannabis businesses.*

Definitions. Unless otherwise noted in this section, words, terms, and phrases found in the definitions of M.S. § 342.01, or as amended, apply unless otherwise noted or except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning. In addition, the following definitions apply:

***CANNABIS ACTIVITIES.***

***INDOOR CULTIVATION.*** Any activity involving the indoor planting, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, or trimming of cannabis plants, cannabis flower, hemp plants, or hemp plant parts.

***MANUFACTURING.*** To compound, blend, extract, infuse, or otherwise make or prepare a cannabis product. Manufacturing includes the processes of extraction, infusion, packaging or repackaging, and labeling or relabeling of cannabis products.

***OUTDOOR CULTIVATION.*** Any activity involving the outdoor planting, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, or trimming of cannabis plants, cannabis flower, hemp plants, or hemp plant parts.

***RETAIL SALES.*** A business with a license or endorsement authorizing the retail sale of any of the following products: immature cannabis plants and seedlings, cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products.

***CANNABIS BUSINESS.*** Any of the following licensed as defined and identified in M.S. Ch. 342.

1. Cannabis microbusiness;
2. Cannabis mezzobusiness;
3. Cannabis cultivator;

4. Cannabis manufacturer;
5. Cannabis retailer;
6. Cannabis wholesaler;
7. Cannabis transporter;
8. Cannabis testing facility;
9. Cannabis event organizer;
10. Cannabis delivery service; and
11. Medical cannabis combination business.

(1) *Distance restrictions.*

- (c) **All Cultivation, Manufacturing, and Distribution Uses must be setback a minimum of 250 feet from a residential zoning district or residential use as measured from the cannabis business property line to the property line of the nearest residential zoning district or residential use.**

(9) *Performance standards.*

- (c) **No exterior storage is allowed, including storage of products in semis, trailers, or shipping containers that are parked outside of an enclosed building.**
- (d) **All mechanical, odor suppression equipment and trash enclosures must be screened and approved as part of a site plan approval.**

~~(10) Cultivation, manufacturing, microbusiness, mezzobusiness, transporter, wholesale (if products stored onsite). Must comply with the following additional performance standards:~~

- ~~(a) All buildings must be setback a minimum of 250 feet from a residential zoning district or residential use as measured from the cannabis business property line to the property line of the nearest residential zoning district or residential use.~~
- ~~(b) No exterior storage is allowed, including storage of products in semis, trailers, or shipping containers that are parked outside of an enclosed building.~~
- ~~(c) All mechanical, odor suppression equipment and trash enclosures must be screened and approved as part of a site plan approval.~~

**(10)(11) Low-potency hemp edibles on-site consumption.** On-site consumption of low-potency hemp edibles shall be limited to businesses with a valid on-sale liquor license.

~~(11)~~(12) *Cannabis businesses zoning districts.* The following chart is to show where cannabis businesses are allowed within the city's zoning districts:

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption and publication as provided by law.

Passed in regular session of the City Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

**CITY OF FOREST LAKE**

By:   
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Its: Presiding Member

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Its: Assistant City Administrator/Clerk

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