



Article 39 Marijuana Establishment Temporary Moratorium Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Mr. Easton moves:

that the Town take affirmative action on Article 39 as printed in the Warrant.

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ARTICLE 39. To determine whether the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by adding a new Section 4.8 Marijuana Establishment Temporary Moratorium as printed in the Warrant.

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The passage of this Temporary Moratorium Bylaw will prevent the opening of marijuana establishments in the Town of Concord until July 1, 2018.

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New law went into effect on December 15, 2016.

Law, as amended by the Legislature, requires Cannabis Control Commission start accepting applications for marijuana establishments on April 1, 2018 with the first licenses issued by July 1, 2018.

The 2018 Annual Town Meeting will likely be after April 1st.

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What is a marijuana establishment?

A marijuana cultivator, marijuana testing facility, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business.

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Regulation of marijuana establishments raises legal, planning and public safety questions.

The community should have the time to study and consider how they wish to address these questions.

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Passage of this temporary bylaw Will create a Moratorium in effect through July 1, 2018.

During that time, the Town will:

- Undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts;
- Consider the Cannabis Control Commission regulations, and;
- Consider new Zoning Bylaws or other option allowed under the Law to address the impact and operation of Marijuana Establishments.



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