

**TOWN OF LIVONIA
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE 1300

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE REGULATION AND REGISTRATION OF
CANNABIS RETAIL BUSINESSES
AND LOWER-POTENCY HEMP EDIBLE RETAIL BUSINESSES**

The Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Livonia Ordains:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

The Town Board of Livonia Township hereby makes the following legislative findings:

- a. Under Minnesota Statutes, section 342.22, a cannabis businesses and lower-potency hemp retailers are not allowed to make retail sales unless they “first register with the city, town, or county in which the retail establishment is located.” Additionally, a “county may issue a registration in cases where a city or town has provided consent for the county to issue the registration for the jurisdiction.”
- b. Sherburne County (“County”) and the Town of Livonia (“Town”) intend to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement for the Enforcement and Regulation of Cannabis Retail Business Registration (“JPA”) through which the Town consents to the County handling registrations in the Town.
- c. The County will not accept the responsibility to regulate and enforce cannabis retail business registrations unless the Town Board first adopts Sherburne County Ordinance #280 (“Ordinance #280”) relating to the regulation and registration of cannabis retail businesses and lower-potency hemp edible retailer businesses. Further, the Town must agree to adopt any amendments to that ordinance so long as the JPA is in effect.
- d. The Town currently does not have the law enforcement resources to conduct the compliance checks required of the entity handling registrations and so the Town has little choice but to delegate that role to the County.
- e. To avoid the confusion and delays that can result from attempting to manage identical ordinances across separate governmental entities, as well as incorporating any amendments that may occur in the future, the Town Board determines it is in the best interests of the Town to adopt Ordinance #280, and any amendments made thereto, by reference.

SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #280


1. Adoption by Reference. County Ordinance #280 relating to the regulation and registration of cannabis retail business and lower-potency hemp edible retailer businesses is hereby adopted by reference and is incorporated herein as if set out in full herein. All references to the County and the County Board within the incorporated language shall be deemed as referring to the Town and the Town Board.
2. Adoption of Amendments. To remain in compliance with the requirements of the JPA, and to avoid unnecessary delays and inconsistencies in the administration of this Ordinance, the Town Board hereby adopts, without further action, any amendments the County Board adopts to Ordinance #280.
3. Effect of Adoption. The purpose and intent of adopting Ordinance #280, and the amendments made thereto, by reference is to achieve the County's agreement to manage cannabis registrations within the Town, not to obligate the Town to administer or enforce the provisions of Ordinance #280. The County shall be solely responsible for administering and enforcing the provisions of this Ordinance in accordance with the terms and conditions of the JPA.


SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective on the first day of publication after adoption, or the effective date of the JPA, whichever occurs later.

Adopted this 25th day of August 2025.

BY THE TOWN BOARD


Kevin Hiller, Chairperson

Attest: 
Kellie Fiedler, Clerk-Treasurer