

Councilor Mertes introduced the following Ordinance and moved for its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 25-10-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND UPDATING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 30 *LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS* AND CHAPTER 14 *BUSINESSES*

WHEREAS, from time to time, the City of Grand Rapids deems it important to review, and update, if necessary, its Zoning Ordinance (Land Development Regulations); and

WHEREAS, at their meeting on October 2, 2025, the Grand Rapids Planning Commission initiated the process to update and amend one section of the Zoning Ordinance (Land Development Regulations) and one section of Municipal Code Chapter 14 (Businesses) identified by city staff; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission on October 2, 2025, took up consideration of draft amendments to Chapters 30 and 14, as prepared by staff, and found that the amendments were consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and would be in the best interest of public health, safety, and general welfare, and recommended that the City Council adopt the draft amendment to said portions of 30-421, 30-512 Table 1, and 14-187(a) of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a public hearing on Monday, October 27, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., to consider the amendments to Chapter 30 and Chapter 14; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk presented the affidavit of publication of the notice of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has heard all persons who wished to be heard regarding the proposed text amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA, that it adopts the Planning Commission's following findings of fact relative to the amendment to Chapter 30 Land Development Regulations and Chapter 14 Businesses, of the City Code:

- The amendments will not have an adverse effect on the character of neighborhoods. It will have a positive effect in that it will locate Production Licensed Cannabis with uses having similar characteristics in industrial zoning.
- The amendments will have a positive impact on economic growth in the community by providing clarity to the business community.
- That the amendment to Chapter 30 would be in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Zoning Ordinance by maintaining an updated Ordinance.
- That the amendments would be in the best interest of the public by locating Production Licensed Cannabis within Industrial zones.

- That the amendments would be consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, as the amendments will directly address allowed uses within specific municipal zones and promoting economic development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA, that the amendments to the City Code are in the best interest of the public's health, safety, and general welfare, and hereby ordains that the Grand Rapids City Code be amended as follows: *See Exhibit "A"*

This Ordinance shall become effective after its passage and publication.

ADOPTED AND PASSED BY THE City Council of the City of Grand Rapids on the 27th day of October 2025.

Tasha Connelly, Mayor

Tasha Connelly, Mayor (Oct 29, 2025 12:19:37 CDT)

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Attest:

Kimberly Gibeau

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk

Councilor MacGregor seconded the foregoing ordinance, and the following voted in favor thereof: Sutherland, MacGregor, Mertes, Blake. Opposed: None, whereby the ordinance was declared duly passed and adopted.



DRAFT text amendments to Chapters 14 and 30

1. Amend 30-421 Definitions to include: *Production licensed cannabis*, means businesses licensed by the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) for cultivation, processing / extraction, manufacturing, and wholesale activities.
2. Amend 30-512 Table 1 Permitted Uses to include production licensed cannabis as a permitted use in I-1, SI-1, I-2, and SI-2 zones.
3. Amend 14-187(a) to include: Production licensed cannabis businesses shall be located in Industrial Business Park, Shoreland Industrial Business Park, General Industrial Park, or Shoreland General Industrial Park zoning districts as defined in the City of Grand Rapids Zoning ordinance.