

## Information Item No.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM - HISTORY/COMMENTARY	
<b>ITEM TITLE:</b> Adult Use Cannabis Discussion	<b>AGENDA DATE:</b> 11/7/2019
<b>ITEM REVIEW</b>	
<b>TO:</b>	<b>Mayor &amp; Village Board</b>
<b>THROUGH:</b>	<b>Al Stonitsch, Village Administrator</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>Peggy Halik, Assistant Village Administrator</b>
<b>INITIATOR:</b>	<b>Peggy Halik, Assistant Village Administrator</b>

### **ACTION PROPOSED:**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

11.5.19 Cannabis Discussion Memo (PDF)  
11.5.19 Public Comment\_post workshop (PDF)  
Paper and Digital Survey Results as of 11.1.19 (PDF)  
Paper Survey Comments as of 11.1.19 (PDF)  
Digital Survey Comments as of 11.1.19 (PDF)  
10.3.19 Adult Use Cannabis Workshop Memo (PDF)  
10.3.19 Attachment 1 - FAQs (PDF)  
10.3.19 Attachment 2 - Survey Results (PDF)  
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10.3.19 Attachment 7 - Cannabis in Comparable Colorado Cities (PDF)

**Information Item No.**

**Adult Use Cannabis Discussion**



## VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE

**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Board of Trustees  
Joseph Kagann, Village Clerk  
Eric Patt, Village Attorney

**FROM:** Peggy Halik, Assistant Village Administrator

**THROUGH:** Al Stonitsch, Village Administrator

**SUBJECT:** **Adult-Use Cannabis Workshop**

**DATE:** November 1, 2019

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### **PURPOSE AND ACTION REQUESTED:**

The purpose of this memo is to lay the framework for the Board Discussion on Adult-Use Cannabis.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Village Board has held a September 5 Study Session, followed by an October 3 Public Workshop, and capped by an October 29 Presentation on Adult-Use Cannabis. During that time the Board has also solicited public input on the matter of whether to opt in or out of retail sales.

### **ADULT USE CANNABIS CONSIDERATION:**

The Board schedule on this matter is to commence discussion on the topic at the November 3 Village Board Meeting with a follow-up discussion at the November 21 meeting. The Board will likely take action to either opt in, opt out, or place a moratorium on the matter of Adult-Use Cannabis retail sales and cultivation at the December 5 Board Meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Board has made the following opportunities for input available:

- Online Survey
- Paper surveys located at Village Hall and the Woodridge Public Library
- Village Facebook and Nextdoor accounts
- [Public Comment e-mail](#)
- Verbal Comments on Voicemail message at 630-719-4901
- Paper surveys distributed to the Golden Years, Woodridge Horizons, and Cedarhurst
- Notification of the Workshop on the marquees at Town Centre and 75<sup>th</sup> Street
- Public Workshop comments

The survey results as of the end of October were 55% strongly or somewhat strongly opposed, and 45% strongly or somewhat strongly in favor of retail sales, etc. A total of 787 paper and digital surveys have been completed; 87% of which were completed by residents and 13% by non-residents. (see attached survey results and comments)

Public comments have also been received via email and those are attached as well.

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

As has been discussed, the Board has the ability to prohibit or allow retail recreational dispensaries, indoor cultivation centers, manufacturing facilities for extraction/infusion, and/or on-site consumption. Additionally, the Board has the ability to place a moratorium on the above. December 31 is the theoretical deadline to have either a prohibition in place or zoning specifying what and where the use is allowed. The threat that comes with not having one or the other of these restrictions in place by that time is that a licensed retailer might argue that the use(s) is allowed in all zoning districts since it is not specifically prohibited. Three options are discussed below on possible Board action.

***Option 1***

Prohibit retail recreational dispensaries, indoor cultivation centers, manufacturing facilities for extraction/infusion, and on-site consumption

Direction Needed: Direct staff to prepare ordinance prohibiting.

***Option 2***

Allow any or all of the following

- Retail recreational dispensaries
- Indoor cultivation centers
- Manufacturing facilities for extraction/infusion

Direction Needed: Allowance of any or all of these three uses would require a zoning change and therefore would need to be sent to the Plan Commission for a public hearing and recommendation. It would be appropriate for the Board to give the Plan Commission a sense of the Board's preferences in terms of where these uses might be allowed. If the Board supported retail dispensaries, the Plan Commission would need to know if there was a preference for or against on-site consumption.

Finally, the Board would need to direct staff to bring back an ordinance allowing the use, subject to the Village Board's action on the Plan Commission recommendation and establishing up to a 3% local tax on retail sales.

***Option 3***

A third option is for the Board to place a moratorium on the use in order to see how the impact of the law plays out and before making any determination to allow or prohibit. It is recommended that such a moratorium be no longer than six months.

Direction Needed: Direct staff to prepare an ordinance placing a six-month moratorium on the use, effective January 1, 2019.

**BUDGET:** N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:** Materials from the October 3 Workshop are attached for reference as well as the updated survey results and comments. Please advise if additional information is required.

*T:|Adult-Use Cannabis|11.5.19 Meeting Materials|11.5.19 Cannabis Discussion Memo.Docx*

## PUBLIC COMMENTS POST WORKSHOP

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**From:** Jindan Yu  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:25:39 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** please opt out  
Dear officers,

I am writing to support OPT OUT of any types of Cannabis businesses in Woodridge, IL. Please allow NO local retail sales of cannabis and keep our city family friendly.

Jindan Yu  
6648 Chick Evans Ln, Woodridge, IL 60517

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**From:** Zhao Changsheng  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:27:42 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** opt out please  
Dear Woodridge officers,

I am writing to support OPT OUT of any types of Cannabis businesses in Woodridge, IL. Please allow NO local retail sales of cannabis and keep our city family friendly.

Changsheng Zhao  
6648 Chick Evans Ln, Woodridge, IL 60517

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**From:** Jun Tang  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 3, 2019 5:16:39 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Urge you to opt-out recreationalcannabis use

To the Woodridge Village Board

Dear Sir or Madam,  
I am writing this email to urge you to opt-out recreational cannabis use. It means that I do NOT recommend using cannabis. We including kids do not need cannabis since it is not required for our life, health, learning, and work. It cannot improve our life quality as well.  
Thank you for your consideration.  
Best regards,

Jun Tang, MD, PhD  
1509 Balsam LN, Woodridge, IL 60517

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**From:** Anna Li  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 3, 2019 6:14:55 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** Public Comment

Subject: Opt-out

To the Woodridge Village Board:

I won't be able to attend this evening's meeting, therefore, I am sending this email to urge you to opt-out of recreational cannabis use.

We are already facing too many temptations. Making cannabis easily available is another one we don't need. Our kids will see and get to use it and think of it as just another commodity and tempted to buy it. Make it available in our village just makes it too easy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Chang Li  
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Jason O'Brien  
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 6:15:35 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)  
To: Public Comment  
Subject: Public Comment Regarding Adult-Use Cannabis

As a resident and parent, I urge the board to allow businesses and individuals to legally operate within the Village according to the law. This was one of the big topics in the election for Governor. The public has voted in favor of it and I urge the board to respect that vote.

Sincerely,  
Jason O'Brien

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From: Ket-sin Yong  
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 9:06:12 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)  
To: Public Comment  
Subject: Opt out Cannabis

To whom it may concern:

I attended the public hearing on 10/03. The potential tax revenue and the troubles for public safety and the impact and costs to our police officers do not make it a good option for this extra costs.

Darien approves the sale It is a small city and they don't have much option. We have the business park, we don't need this extra tax with more troubles.

Thanks

Ket-Sin (Steven) Yong  
1220 Mansfield st, Woodridge

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From: Lictieng  
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 10:01:35 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)  
To: Public Comment  
Subject: Against marijuana

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of the village who live on 1220 Mansfield street. I am writing to urge you to opt out of legalizing marijuana sales in the village of Woodridge. The sales revenue from the sale of marijuana will not be sufficient enough to pay for increase in drug abused related social problem and medical cost.

Village of Woodridge has been a safe neighborhood for raising family, please keep it that way.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

Lictieng foo

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**From:** Yonggang Huang  
**Sent:** Friday, October 4, 2019 9:42:00 AM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Public Comment Regarding Adult-Use Cannabis  
I strongly support to opt out the local retail sale of adult-use cannabis.

First, according to the research data, the more marijuana dispensaries a neighborhood has, the greater the number of marijuana-related hospitalizations. The retail sale of adult-use cannabis would threaten the community safety.

Second, children and adolescents will be at heightened risk of using the marijuana sold at these dispensaries, as the drug becomes far more accessible. According to addictive experts, the marijuana users are 30 times more likely to try harder drugs. Marijuana, the gateway of the drug would introduce other problems and crimes.

Third, more funding is required to ensure effective policies and programs are put into place to help prevent young people from using marijuana.

In all, the social and economic cost would be more than the economic benefit.

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**From:** Tom iWay  
**Sent:** Friday, October 4, 2019 9:42:39 AM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Public Comment Regarding Adult-Use Cannabis  
Dear Mayor and The Board Trustees,  
I live in Woodridge for 19 years in the 7-Bridges subdivision in the corner of Greene Road and Hobson.



Journal of Neuroscience (March, 2019) indicated that "structural brain and cognitive effects can be observed in just one or two instances of adolescent marijuana use". To keep our kids healthy and safe, I am writing to you to request you to use your power to **opt out** the commercial retail of Marijuana in our beautiful Woodridge.

History will remember your vote as our elected leaders.

Thanks!

Tom Zhang

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**From:** Donna Kayser

**Sent:** Friday, October 4, 2019 12:30:46 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** PublicCommentRegardingAdult-UseCannabis

My concern is drivers using cannabis. As a victim of a drunk driver and living with life-long health issues, please keep this out of our community.

Donna Kayser

50 year resident of Woodridge

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**From:** Qiang Zhao

**Sent:** Sunday, October 6, 2019 12:51:26 AM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** Public Comment Regarding Adult-Use Cannabis

Dear Mayor and Village Board Members,

My name is Qiang Zhao and I am a resident of Woodridge since 2016. I am writing to you to express my support to opt out adult use Cannabis at Woodridge. Easier access to Cannabis for non-medical use will bring extra risks to public safety, damage the reputation of our town, and destroy the family/kids friendly atmosphere in our community. Any expected potential tax revenue increase will most likely be canceled by additional expenses incurred from the action to allow adult use Cannabis. Please vote to Opt-out to protect our beautiful neighborhood and families we love.

Thanks a lot for your attention.

Qiang Zhao

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**From:** Lanhua Hu

**Sent:** Sunday, October 6, 2019 2:00:05 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)

**To:** Public Comment

**Cc:** Gina Cunningham; Leslie Davies

**Subject:** Please OPT OUT Retail Sale of Cannabis in Woodridge

Dear Mayor Cunningham and Village Board,

As a Woodridge resident for 7 years, I'm writing to urge you to OPT Out the retail sale of cannabis in Woodridge and ask you to please read this recently published WSJ about the disastrous outcome in San Francisco from the city's loosened policy on drug use (<https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-streets-of-san->

[francisco-11570143083](https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/cannabis-canada-daily-how-ontario-lost-42m-selling-cannabis-during-its-last-fiscal-year-1.1315983)). I understand the situation in Woodridge is not the same as what's described in San Francisco. However, allowing the sale of Cannabis, a gateway drug, is sending a different message to the public and inevitably encourage cannabis use with easier accessibility provided. As our dear elected officials, please DO NOT make a conscious decision to let Woodridge slide down a slippery slope and potentially ruin the future of many generations of village youths.

As far as potential revenue benefits for the city, there are many holes and many assumptions in the analysis, which may or may not be true or applicable to the Village of Woodridge. I would like to share this Bloomberg article (<https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/cannabis-canada-daily-how-ontario-lost-42m-selling-cannabis-during-its-last-fiscal-year-1.1315983>) showed Ontario lost \$42 M a year from selling Cannabis. DO NOT IN YOUR GOOD CONSCIENCE MAKE A SHORTSIGHTED DECISION BASED ON LOOSE FINANCIAL BENEFIT ANALYSIS AT THE EXPENSE OF THE VILLAGE'S FUTURE. OPT OUT PLEASE. The village people will be truly grateful that you are looking after their interest.

Highlights from the WSJ article:

The city made a choice to tolerate vagrancy and encourage drug use, with dire consequences.

This city has been conducting a three-decade experiment in what happens when society stops enforcing bourgeois norms of behavior. It has done so in the name of compassion for the homeless. The city sends the message relentlessly that drug use is not only acceptable but expected.

Sincerely,  
Lanhua Hu, a deeply concerned resident  
6421 Greene Rd  
Woodridge, IL 60517  
331-251-4950

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From: Shamaine Felde  
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 8:25:07 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)  
To: Public Comment  
Subject: Public Comment Regarding Adult-Use Cannabis

I work in Woodridge and feel the town could benefit from any sales of Cannabis. This could help with lower taxes like your surrounding towns.

Shamaine

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**From:** Irsilia Colletti  
**Sent:** Monday, October 7, 2019 11:52:19 AM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Public Comment Regarding Adult-Use Cannabis

Good morning,

I would like to voice my support for opting in.

I feel strongly that it would not be detrimental to our community and have faith that it would be appropriately regulated sales as opposed to under the table shadiness that is undoubtedly already occurring and has been occurring for years.

Thank you!  
Irsilia Colletti

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**From:** Lanhua Hu  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 12, 2019 8:18:46 AM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Supporting Information for OPT OUT of cannabis sale in Woodridge  
Dear Mayor Cunningham and Board of Trustees,

I would like to share the attached presentation from Dr. Aaron Weiner as supporting information for you to consider when making the decision of allowing or banning recreational cannabis sale in Woodridge for 30,000+ residents. The Village of Lisle invited him to speak at their special Committee of the Whole meeting in September and I would like to request the Village of Woodridge to do the same as Dr. Weiner is local and has many first-hand experience in the local area on this issue. His information and experience can be even more valuable than an outside speaker who does not have first-hand experience with regard to our local community.

I would also like to request some comments and feedback from the Mayor and the board on your current opinion on this issue. For the meeting on Oct. 3rd, there was a session of Board discussion, but no board member made any comments. From talking to residents from other villages, their board members have all discussed their opinions and positions after the public comments sessions on this topic during Board meetings. As a Woodridge resident, I would like to know where our Board Members stand on this important issue and what the considerations are for the position. I will attend the Oct. 17th board meeting and request the same information.

Finally, I would like to send an appreciation to the board on the inclusive approach you are taking to collect public opinions, through online survey and paper survey in addition to the public comments email and taking public comments during the board meeting. I haven't seen other villages being so proactive. I also appreciate the upcoming opportunity for us to talk with the Mayor and the board directly on Nov. 2nd. I truly hope that all public opinions are taken into consideration during the decision-making process and I'm looking forward to hearing more about where we are with this issue.

ATTACHMENT - PDF

Best Regards,  
Lanhua Hu  
Woodridge Resident for 7 years

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**From:** LEE, CHRIS  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2019 3:50:09 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Public Comment Regarding Adult-Use Cannabis

I am in favor for the village of Woodridge to Opt In for Adult-Use Cannabis sales.

Best Regards,  
**Christopher Lee**

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**From:** Lanhua Hu

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2019 4:58:07 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** RE: Adult use cannabis: After marijuana legalization, the wait for retail sales is the national norm

Dear Mayor and Village Board,

I would like to bring this article to your attention that "After marijuana legalization, the wait for retail sales is the national norm". Please consider all the pros and cons, collect more data to support the decision-making process. Do not make a rushed decision. Thank you!

<https://www.mlive.com/news/2019/08/after-marijuana-legalization-the-wait-for-retail-sales-is-the-national-norm.html>

Regards,

Lanhua Hu

Woodridge Resident for 7 years

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**From:** David Mamer

**Sent:** Monday, October 21, 2019 9:57:07 AM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** Public Comment Regarding Adult-Use Cannabis  
Mayor, Village Board and other interested parties,

Last week's Woodridge E-News Cannabis update renewed my interest in this issue. I reread all of survey responses and related material and came to the same conclusion. The arguments against permitting a cannabis store or other facility are the same used to block liquor stores, bars, tobacco sales, gun stores, etc. Liquor, and tobacco are all legal for adults. Whether there is a store selling them in a particular community, they will still exist in that community. As a parent, I understand the concern expressed about our children, but alcohol, tobacco, and cannabis are all out there now whether or not stores sell these products in Woodridge.

To be direct, there is no rational reason to oppose permitting a cannabis facility in Woodridge. Please vote accordingly.

Dave Mamer

1213 Richfield Court

Woodridge, IL 60517-7709

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**From:** Lanhua Hu

**Sent:** Sunday, October 20, 2019 9:37:14 AM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)

**To:** Gina Cunningham; Public Comment; Leslie Davies

**Subject:** Official Cost-Benefit Analysis from Colorado on Marijuana Legalization

Dear Mayor,

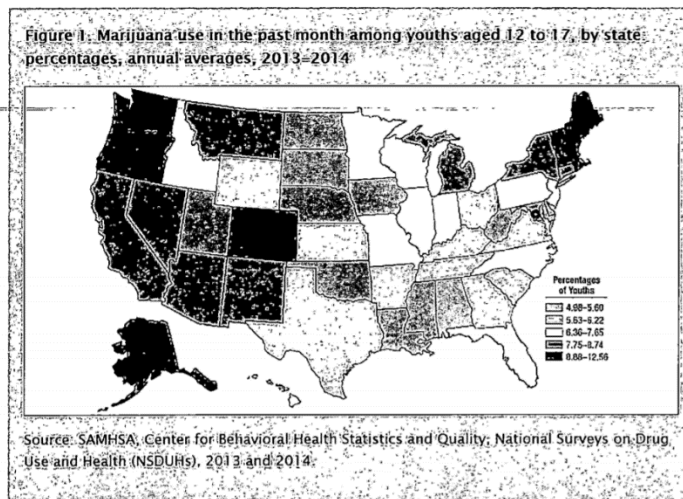
It was great to chat with you after Thursday's board meeting. As I mentioned, here is the official cost-benefit analysis the Colorado state government did after legalizing marijuana for a few years, which in

my opinion is backwards. We should have done the full cost-benefit analysis before making a irreversible high impact decision. The data may not be available in Colorado's case. However, for us, for our village, we now have all this data in our fingertip. We need to really dig deeper into this before making a decision that would impact the lives of many future generations.

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/16Marijuana0921Summary.pdf>

Some highlights here on the negative impact. Again, I do realize that we will suffer some of these negative impact with the Illinois state cannabis use legalization in Jan 2020. However, we can minimize that impact by banning cannabis sale in our village instead of maximizing the negative impact by providing easy accessibility to our villagers. We need "accept that which cannot **be changed**; courage to **change** that which **can be changed**, and wisdom to know the **one** from the other". We cannot change the legalization bill of the state, but we can change whether to allow the sale or not to make a difference in this situation.

## Adolescent Marijuana Use in the United States



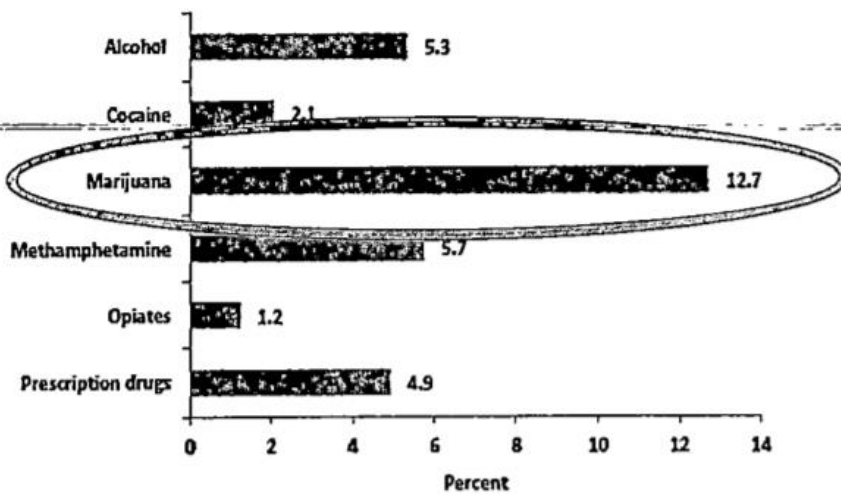
## Adolescent Marijuana Use

- Regular use and long-term developmental effects (i.e. respiratory, cognitive, educational attainment, and memory)
- Risk of dependence and potential for future addiction to illegal substances
- Marijuana use may mask adolescents' potential need for mental health services and support

## Maternal Marijuana Use

- Most common illicit drug used in pregnancy
  - 3% to 30% use prevalence
- Freely crosses the placenta and is found in breast milk
- May have negative effects on both perinatal outcomes and fetal neurodevelopment, yet existing studies are imperfect
  - Fetal growth restriction
  - Premature birth
  - Stillbirth
- No known safe amount of marijuana use while pregnant or breastfeeding

Figure 3. Proportion of SUID by history of substance use among supervisors, 2010-2014 (n=244)



## Unintentional Marijuana Ingestions

- Average rate of marijuana-related visits to CHCO increased from 1.2 per 100,000 to 2.3 per 100,000 population within two years of legalization
- Most pediatric marijuana exposures involved **infused edible products**
  - Many exposures occurred with products not in child-resistant containers or under poor child supervision
  - Sources of marijuana were a parent, grandparent, neighbor, friend, babysitter or other family
- Clinical effects of marijuana exposure:
  - Drowsiness, dizziness, agitation, vomiting, tachycardia, muscle rigidity, slow or stopped breathing, slow heart rate, low blood pressure, and seizures

Source: Wang, G.S. et al. (2016). Unintentional Pediatric Exposures to Marijuana in Colorado, 2009-2015, *JAMA Pediatrics*.

The number of individuals seeking treatment for marijuana use at Arapahoe House has increased 62% since recreational legalization.



## Marijuana DUIs

The percentage of DUI patients in withdrawal management (detox) who report marijuana as a drug of choice jumped from 8 percent in 2013 to 13 percent in 2015.

## Since Legalization:

- The number of teens in our inpatient program with a marijuana problem increased by 70%.
- Marijuana admissions to our teen outpatient programs have increased by 12%.
- Marijuana has always been the number one drug of use for our adolescents.

Thank you for your time reading!

Best Regards,  
Lanhua Hu

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**From:** Ron Dilger

**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2019 4:23:48 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** Public Comment Regarding Adult-Use Cannabis

Years ago a friend of mine at work spoke of being on the "cutting edge" of some undertaking as being on the "BLEEDING EDGE." I liked that expression and have remembered it -- and the message it gives -- since then.

My comment on Cannabis sales in Woodridge reflects possibly being on the Bleeding Edge. Let's NOT be the ONE community in the surrounding area that approves the sale and the others ban it. I don't need to explain the outcomes of the community being in that position. The contra-argument applies as well, we shouldn't lose income by being the only community that bans it.

Personally, I subscribe to the opinion that cannabis use is the slippery slope to use of heavy drugs; but, beer is a slippery slope to a lot of things as well...

Ron Dilger  
6815 Church Court

btw: This email is the VERY first time I **ever** typed the word "cannabis." 😊

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**From:** Jeanine Carbonaro

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 23, 2019 10:41:24 AM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** Public Comment Regarding Adult-Use Cannabis

Woodridge should OPT-IN! Woodridge can benefit from the narrow-mindedness of our neighboring cities like Wheaton, Naperville, Lisle, and Downers Grove, and take advantage of the increased revenue. People will go somewhere to buy cannabis on January 1, 2020. WHY NOT WOODRIDGE?

OPT-IN!

Jeanine Carbonaro  
Woodridge Resident since 2005

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**From:** Ron Bradley

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 23, 2019 3:04:40 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** Public Comment Regarding Adult-Use Cannabis

As a 36 year resident I feel this is a very important issue to our village and all our residents/taxpayers. I have some points to make on this issue. 1) We have an excellent award winning police department thanks to our amazing Chief, who is already dealing with the cannabis issue the same as an alcohol issues so there seems to be no difference and they do a great job of protecting us as well as our merchants. They walk a fine line between federal prohibitions and Illinois permitting it. 2) On the media and moral issues there are those who would prohibit it in our village but if we had the opportunity to get a distillery here and it was not accepted does that mean we could stop alcohol consumption here?



Of course not and the reality is that village borders disappear because people will drink or use cannabis regardless of legality or not. So I believe we would be shortsighted by not allowing it, however the bigger issue follows. 3) I very strongly believe we should not only approve it but be extremely aggressive in acquiring a retail outlet for two very good reasons. A) the revenue prospects are enormous, think of the projects, maintenance, infrastructure, debt reduction the village could address with the tax revenue and B) and for me the biggest issue is possibility of reduction of our outrageous property tax. I have family residing in Colorado and I see what the revenue has meant to the villages there as well as my family's property tax rates. Thank you, from Ron Bradley

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**From:** Gail Peck

**Sent:** Friday, October 25, 2019 2:56:44 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** Public Comment Regarding Adult-Use Cannabis

Please do not allow cannabis/CBD in Woodridge. I understand that the DuPage County Board just banned it. Shell on Boughton Road already has it. Most of the time whenever I visit to get gas there is someone in the store buying CBD (probably for medical reasons, Right? )

I feel that the harm caused such as a 30% increase in traffic accidents for those who drive and admit (not counting those who do not admit) to using prior to driving should be enough to show that cannabis is not a good idea.

Yes, a person or a village can make loads of money by selling it or buying stock in companies that sell or grow the weed but that does not make the decision correct. There are many things one can do legally that cause harm or potential harm to others. We just have to look at the recent opioid epidemic caused or at least "helped by" Big Pharma.. Otherwise reasonably reputable companies saw \$ signs and ignored what should have been placed in black box warnings on their products by selling Doctors on the idea of excessive and even "off label" with dinners or other perks.

Again, please do not allow Adult-use cannabis. We do not need to be a place in DuPage County for unscrupulous adults to buy for teens or for teens to get/take the stuff from less watchful grandma or grandpa who have RX for medicinal/ cancer pain use

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In GOD'S HANDS

Gail

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## ADULT USE CANNABIS SURVEY RESULTS

Q1. Are you a resident of Woodridge

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	86.66%	682
No	12.58%	99
Skipped		6
<b>Total</b>		<b>787</b>

To what extent do you support or oppose the following types of cannabis establishments in Woodridge

<b>Survey Monkey</b>	Strongly Oppose		Somewhat Oppose		Somewhat Support		Strongly Support		Neutral		Total
Retail Recreational Dispensaries	49%	331	1%	10	5%	34	44%	294	1%	6	675
Indoor Cultivation Centers	47%	314	3%	23	8%	54	38%	259	3%	23	673
Manufacturing Facilities for Extraction/Infusion	47%	319	3%	20	8%	54	37%	252	4%	30	675
Cannabis Cafe/Smoke Lounge (on-site consumption)	53%	359	4%	25	9%	64	29%	198	4%	28	674

<b>Library/Village Hall</b>	Strongly Oppose		Somewhat Oppose		Somewhat Support		Strongly Support		Neutral		Total
Retail Recreational Dispensaries	72%	81	2%	2	7%	8	19%	21	0%	0	112
Indoor Cultivation Centers	68%	76	3%	3	9%	10	18%	20	3%	3	112
Manufacturing Facilities for Extraction/Infusion	68%	76	3%	3	8%	9	18%	20	4%	4	112
Cannabis Cafe/Smoke Lounge (on-site consumption)	75%	84	3%	3	3%	3	18%	20	2%	2	112

<b>Golden Years</b>	Strongly Oppose		Somewhat Oppose		Somewhat Support		Strongly Support		Neutral		Total
Retail Recreational Dispensaries	62%	8	0%	0	8%	1	31%	4	0%	0	13
Indoor Cultivation Centers	54%	7	0%	0	8%	1	8%	1	31%	4	13
Manufacturing Facilities for Extraction/Infusion	54%	7	0%	0	31%	4	0%	0	15%	2	13
Cannabis Cafe/Smoke Lounge (on-site consumption)	54%	7	8%	1	15%	2	8%	1	15%	2	13

<b>All Responses</b>	Strongly Oppose		Somewhat Oppose		Somewhat Support		Strongly Support		Neutral		Total
Retail Recreational Dispensaries	53%	420	2%	12	5%	43	40%	319	1%	6	800
Indoor Cultivation Centers	50%	397	3%	26	8%	65	35%	280	4%	30	798
Manufacturing Facilities for Extraction/Infusion	50%	402	3%	23	8%	67	34%	272	5%	36	800
Cannabis Cafe/Smoke Lounge (on-site consumption)	56%	450	4%	29	9%	69	27%	219	4%	32	799

Q3. What comments, concerns, or suggestions do you have for the Village Board?

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**PAPER SURVEY COMMENTS**

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<b>What comments, concerns, or suggestions do you have for the Village Board?</b>
Until it is proven safe in a community to do above activities, please do not submit Village to this experiment. Thank you, resident of 25 years.
Use of support of this is yet another step toward dumbing down of the population. Crime would increase.
How small is small? What will be the ripple effect?
Get as much revenue as you can. 😊
Prohibit it as other nearby villages are.
Thanks for asking. Much better above board and legal.
Please opt out for the sake of the children and the safety of all residents. We have a high number of cars crashing into houses in this Village already.
I can't breathe the air as it gives me severe headaches. I have seen my 60's generation go to "pot" and become very unproductive and lousy civic minded folk. These same people have raised their kids to be "entitled" and lazy folk.
We already have an opioid use crisis that we are trying to eradicate. What is the common sense in promoting the use of yet another addictive and physically harmful drug? This will be destructive to our community.
Have you driven down Janes Avenue lately? As we obey the law and drive the speed limit. Others ride our bumper or speed past on our left with complete disregard for safety or common sense. The volume of cars and pedestrians calls for more monitoring of Janes Ave. Do we really need to add drugs into the mix? Sterigenics effect.
With all of the rudeness in society today do we really need to add more drugs? Isn't vaping, drinking alcohol, opioids, immaturity, and raging emotions enough of a negative impact. Will this reduce the outrageous property taxes? We're going to have to move soon – too high.
Is not the goal to create safe neighborhoods???? Negative effects, sterigenics effect?
For those who oppose this act, why don't they ban tobacco products too, since they do just as much damage?
I also have asthma and I'm concerned because of smoke and how I can't breathe around any smoke.
I teach "Decision Making" at DuPage Court jail for over 10 years. I have witnessed "hundreds" of men dramatically affected by drug related crimes. I am also a hospital chaplain and have witnessed numerous OD's (dead). I have done those for over 10 years and have firsthand experience of how drugs ruin lives.
Impact in Woodridge youth is very negative. Short term tax revenue is short sighted. Long term support includes real estate value drop, kids dropping out of school, which would make Woodridge's economy weaker. Medical cannabis use is already allowed through legal channel.
It's a zoning issue. The public voted to legalize.
My son has Crohn's disease and it has helped him tremendously, avoiding dangerous immune-suppressants that have grave consequences for one's health.
No dope. If the Village allows this you will be sued by me or others if we are harmed in any way. The vaping is harming many – the users are adding cannabis and other things to the vape. There is no test that the police can use that will hold up in court if a person is high driving or something else. You should close down the Woodridge vaping shop near Cinemark.

There is no need for more drug use. People should find ways to stabilize their mind and bodies not disable themselves with harsh drugs.
I don't want to negatively affect surrounding neighborhoods, but I do want to collect taxes on legal goods.
Weed only causes harm. We don't need it. Don't settle for short term gain to pay heavy dividend in future.
Vote out!
I served with the 25 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Dau Tieng Viet Nam in the heart of the Michelin Rubber plantations. Many soldiers smoked cannabis – aka Pot as known to us. I actually witnessed what it does to one's mind. Some soldiers while influenced on recreational cannabis would actually commit the ultimate act of stupidity and stand up during mortar attacks. Sometimes over 20 rounds of shelling. So you can't convince me of it being beneficial. Somewhere along the line it will always get abused. If they get in a motor vehicle. Goodness we have enough impatient, impaired individuals as it is.
No!
People can do what they'd like in their homes, but it shouldn't be allowed in public at all. I don't want my kids to be exposed to it at all.
What is going to be done for people whose lungs can't breathe in even second hand smoke! There is a very strong clean connection to pot use going into other drug use/abuse!! Those who want to make a profit at the expense of making drug addicts.
Opt out.
I only support medical use of cannabis. Otherwise I feel it's not safe for all in the community especially when driving around.
I am a high school teacher. How to keep under 18 year olds from obtaining product (they have friends but it)/ Also, how can schools check for it in lockers, etc.?
So concerned about people smoking in their cars on the way home after work and on weekends, but understand there's nothing that can be done. Wish the state didn't condone it.
Car insurance will double due to the increase of stoned drivers. If state needs money that bad how about enforcing the laws already on the books. Start in Village by enforcing no left turn by the outside post office boxes by our post office.
Medical marijuana only, no recreational.
This is just stupid, just say not because there will be gangs and mafias selling drugs to preschoolers. The town we once knew will be crackhead addicts, I opt out. P.S. It won't help us go forward!
Not for Woodridge.
Don't want cannabis business here! We should try to draw businesses into Woodridge that are more "family friendly." How about a Dave & Buster's type place? More revenue, more patrons!!
No cannabis business in our town.
Opt out – no business like that in Woodridge.
No weed. Cannabis is classified as a Schedule 1 substance and is illegal under federal law for any purpose by copy of the Controlled Substances Act of 1970. Why will any Village legalize this dangerous drug? Opt out.
I have moved to Woodridge from Chicago because I want a healthy environment with no crime and drugs. Please don't make me move again if you opt in. Opt out!
Find different source of revenue!! Fire planning department head and replace with someone that can entice businesses into our town.
I don't want to raise weed kids in Woodridge.
I suggest that the Village of Woodridge shouldn't think/use cannabis. No cannabis stores!!! Opt out.

No cannabis, no gambling, no strip clubs in Woodridge.
I oppose cannabis operations. I believe we have enough trouble with distracted drivers in our area. Can you imagine what will happen when so many people will be driving high?
For our kids' health, we need to opt out.
I only support medical use of cannabis.
There must be disciplined education and awareness if this is to create progress in human civility altogether. There must be regimented medication instruction in conjunction with the use of cannabis or else idiots will fry at music festivals. We can ascend into nonviolence, creativity, compassion and awareness if we execute this correctly.
Keep Woodridge clean, no dope.
When California legalized marijuana, crime – including sex trafficking – soared. Online evidence will show you a close relationship between human trafficking and drug addiction. Traffickers are able to lure and control their victims with drugs. (I'm a voting resident of Woodridge.)
Just say no!
If you thought vaping was good, this is not going to be any better. This is going to fall into the wrong hands.
I'd rather not have these activities and/or businesses in our town. To me it is equivalent to taverns and "strip" joints and will end up bringing into our town the same type of clients. I am, however, all for cannabis use for people with established debilitating and/or life threatening illness. Thank you.
I want the additional tax revenue.
We already have too many slot machines. We don't need smoke lounges too. How do we keep people from DWI?
I think if regulated properly cannabis use would be fine, hell alcohol and cigarettes are legal despite having more apparent side effects, so I don't see the point in keeping cannabis or weed illegal.

## GOLDEN YEARS

<b>What comments, concerns, or suggestions do you have for the Village Board?</b>
Are you nuts? Look at today's world.
I think cannabis is a dangerous drug. It particularly is of concern when people drive under the influence of this drug. I strongly oppose its use.
Not a business we would want to have in Woodridge. I feel this business would bring more problems than benefits.
Hope it will help the seniors. Seems for their pain. I am all for it.
There are enough intoxicated people running around in Woodridge.
The revenue – projected – is not worth the risk. It is still a gateway drug – we have enough problems with alcohol abuse – we don't need to introduce another problem. Also, there are no reliable ways/ legal ways to test for cannabis to determine if a user is too impaired to drive – where is the responsibility in the instance of an accident – we can measure alcohol levels but not cannabis – please don't allow this in our community.
We don't need it, nor this Woodridge community. Thanks.
I'm sad to see another group of problems (medical, intellectual, safety, DUI, crime) in front of us. All for the grand illusion of a quick buck! How we fail to think "long term." Ron Samoska
Safety and health concerns!

It is going to happen sooner or later. I believe it is better to get in early, work with the manufacturers/dispensaries to create regulations that are in Woodridge's favor. If someone wants to use cannabis they will drive 10-15 down the road to get it and we lose that tax revenue.

Do common research before making this decision.

(Strongly support Cannabis Café/Smoke Lounge) on the condition that these café/lounges are only within dispensaries and centers not in general public places.

I am in favor of allowing all forms of use. Thank you.

While I support legalization and opening up cannabis industry in the Village, I would like cannabis use restricted for minors and cannabis use discouraged in schools. Opening cannabis industry in Woodridge will provide the Village with new tax revenues and employment.

ADULT USE CANNABIS SURVEY

Q3 What comments, concerns, or suggestions do you have for the Village Board? Responses will be shared with the Village Board.

Answered: 329 Skipped: 346

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It works well and Denver saw it firsthand. Follow Denver's way of saying, I think it'll work out well.	11/1/2019 7:23 AM
2	Recently I responded with an "all in" based on what I thought were high revenue projections and a police dept able to cope with this new prospect. Two nights ago I had th oppertunity to hear Ms MaGuire from CO talk to us regarding CO's experience. Frankly I has horrified at the consequences of it's use and have totally reversed my position. Two reasons: while the revenue maybe "good" the cost of the consequences far outstrip the revenue. Secondly the price our children will pay can be enormous, with mental health issues and dropouts from school. We know the state has just about forsaken funding mental health so what happens when our children need help. ALso the overwhelming of law enforcement is of great concern too. It's obvious the Legislature has not done their homework or the dazzling of revenue has overwhelmed reason. Would also like to see vaping not alloud in our village. Thanks, Ron Bradley	10/31/2019 2:38 PM
3	Resident safety is the primary concern for opposition.	10/31/2019 2:21 PM
4	As with any big change, it's important to be very strategic on how to manage such a change (opting in or not). There is going to be a big learning curve for most if not all. Will there be a dedicated team tasked with change management? Might be messy if we don't step in front of potential issues or at a minimum don't have the capacity/training to react to issues timely.	10/30/2019 11:19 PM
5	I truly feel it behooves Woodridge to opt in while other communities around us are choosing to opt out. The opportunity for additional revenue for our community cannot be overstated. While others turn their nose up, I truly hope that Woodridge can be a forward thinking place and opt in for the benefit of all.	10/30/2019 5:53 PM
6	Risks outweigh benefits. There are both, but we should not let money override safety and common sense.	10/29/2019 12:53 PM
7	I have no problem with retail sales of recreational cannabis so long as they are not subject to egregious or excessive taxation. As far as Indoor cultivation centers and manufacturing facilities, I would consider those acceptable as long as their processes do not result in foul or harmful odors or emissions and their production supplies and wastes are handled in clean and ecologically responsible manners. I do not support commercial cannabis cafes/smoking lounges as I would consider them to be out of character for our village while posing a potential for social problems among customers and, consequently, requiring additional law enforcement resources.	10/28/2019 1:36 AM
8	While people are entitled to their opinions, they are also welcome to not participate. I find it ridiculous to impose restrictions on businesses and consumers based on scare tactics and prejudice. There's no viable reason to lose additional foot traffic and tax dollars in our village. I can absolutely support a cap on approved business licenses but a complete ban is hypocritical and unnecessarily puritanical.	10/27/2019 4:41 PM
9	I think we would be opening doors to many problems I.e, younger children exposed to the drug via parents or older siblings. The bottom line is that this is a way to make money for the government, whether it be state or local. Some research denies that cannabis is a gateway drug. Ask the parent of a drug addict what they think.	10/26/2019 8:54 PM
10	People will get it/smoke it anyways. Let's make some money and invest it back in the community!	10/26/2019 2:06 PM
11	increase in auto accidents and potential for teens to access from less vigilant parents or grandparents.	10/25/2019 2:58 PM
12	There is nothing good that can come of this legalization. We are trying to have people stop drugs, quit smoking, control drinking, etc. Why would we, as a people, introduce something like this. I am saddened by the decision of our "leaders" when they didn't even put this to a vote (unlike every other state that has legalized.) Please help our children and our adults by minimizing, to the greatest extent possible, Woodridge's participation in this horrible decision.	10/25/2019 12:37 PM

## ADULT USE CANNABIS SURVEY

13	This will decision will create problems for our community. It is not conducive for raising children or exposing them to the terrible environment. Furthermore, the additional revenue generated by this will be spent for additional police to combat crimes.	10/24/2019 8:07 PM
14	Please vote against cannabis establishments in our town. Downers Grove isn't allowing this. I believe this will detract from our community.	10/23/2019 2:47 PM
15	I'm supportive of creating jobs and bringing income to Woodridge. I am not supportive of creating spaces for individuals to smoke or ingest cannabis.	10/23/2019 8:52 AM
16	It may be legal and people will use it no matter what but we should make it as difficult as possible to obtain in our community.	10/22/2019 11:02 PM
17	Illegal operations & selling, driving under the influence, use by persons under the age of 21, lower graduations rates, lower property values, high property taxes to subsidizes new law enforcement to combat illegal selling and illegal operations	10/22/2019 9:31 PM
18	brings jobs. brings tax revenue. lowers crime.	10/22/2019 2:50 PM
19	No sale for recreational drugs will benefit our society and our future.	10/21/2019 9:34 PM
20	No recreational marijuana dispensary!	10/21/2019 9:28 PM
21	We have DUI Laws for alcohol. Are we going to wait until some of us die before we pass "DUI" Laws for cannabis? Best solution is to prohibit cannabis in our community so all of us can safely enjoy our community.	10/21/2019 6:09 PM
22	Don't want to open Pandora's box.	10/21/2019 5:26 AM
23	We worry cannabis would put yough kids into a risk. As they are not mature, if they get early access to cannabis. They might be easy to addict to it.	10/20/2019 10:22 AM
24	Enabling the use of cannabis in any way, shape, or form is WRONG and I do not believe that the Village should contribute in any manner to supporting its use.	10/19/2019 2:59 PM
25	It's better than nicotine so please support	10/19/2019 2:42 PM
26	Woodridge shall opt out, and prohibit, adult-use cannabis businesses. Period!	10/19/2019 10:36 AM
27	Medicinal purposes or not, I'm against this activity.	10/19/2019 7:42 AM
28	If it is legal it should follow the same laws as tobacco and alcohol.	10/19/2019 6:16 AM
29	Does any board member honestly believe cannabis is more dangerous than alcohol? Alcohol currently accounts for approximately 88 thousand deaths per year in the United States.	10/18/2019 8:47 PM
30	Neighboring towns are saying "no" to cannabis. If we agree to having it, then people from nearby suburbs will be heading to Woodridge. for it. That would be very foolish on our part. We have enough to deal with citizens in our own town.	10/18/2019 7:46 PM
31	It's going to be legal, the village needs the money that will be generated from it and other towns will be allowing it and taking revenue from us! It seems like the Village Board only wants to approve senior housing developments which brings in ZERO revenue!	10/18/2019 7:45 PM
32	FORMER VILLAGE RESIDENT FOR 50 + YRS. IHATE TO SEE IT CHANGE.	10/18/2019 6:32 PM
33	None. It's potential revenue for the village. Earn some extra tax dollars so our property tax rates can stop skyrocketing.	10/18/2019 6:10 PM
34	My research from other states is it will bring in income, employ people and is no worse than alcohol. Some who don't get a medical prescription can still benefit from use as well.	10/18/2019 3:52 PM
35	With the proper oversight and taxation as with alcohol, the sale of Cannabis can provide a steady source of revenue for the village that should offset any cost associated with its oversight and still provide money that can be used for improvements through out the village.	10/18/2019 3:38 PM
36	Don't collet the bloody money. More tax you collect, more people consume the weeds. More ER visit and car accidents. More kids consume because your legalization make kids believe marijuana is safe and not too bad. Don't link your name to a bad law forever.	10/18/2019 1:43 PM
37	If you don't want your kids to take weed, then, apply this principle to all the kids in the village. OPT OUT!!!	10/18/2019 11:41 AM
38	Opt out. We need no weed!!!	10/18/2019 11:26 AM



## ADULT USE CANNABIS SURVEY

39	Opt Out	10/18/2019 10:54 AM
40	Save the brand of our village.	10/18/2019 10:53 AM
41	Opt-out	10/18/2019 10:53 AM
42	OPT out, It is not good for our community, special not good for youth group. Thank you!	10/18/2019 10:37 AM
43	Marijuana damages human brains and organs, and therefore definitely increase the cost on medical expense, as well as various types of insurances. Using marijuana causes societal concerns. The total cost will way surpass the revenue increase. Recreational marijuana will no doubt increase teen use.	10/18/2019 10:28 AM
44	OPT OUT on this controversial issue now and wait to see its impact is always a more flexible position than opening up a Pandora's box. Recently the CEO of Juul is stepping down and they are banning flavored vaping products. If our authorities had taken time to meticulously review these products and their long term effect before allowing them to be sold in the first place, we would not have this vaping epidemic. We all know substance abuse such as alcohol, tobacco, vaping is a serious social issue. The fact that we are struggling to solve substance abuse issue does not justify that we should introduce another one to the public. If our house had suffered from wind or water damages, it does not mean it is OK to start a fire in the house. While a community leader should listen to the voices of his people, please note that many times people could be misled by special interests and many only see the short term gain. A leader should have the wisdom and vision to put the long term benefit of the organization over any short term temporary gains. There is a Chinese phrase that says "Drinking poison to quench thirst". Expecting tax revenue from recreational Marijuana sales can help fixing any financial problems is just like that.	10/18/2019 10:19 AM
45	Woodridge desperately needs tax revenue but at what cost to our community and property values?	10/18/2019 9:31 AM
46	No recreational marijuana!!!	10/18/2019 8:18 AM
47	Save our future, please!	10/18/2019 7:49 AM
48	Cannabis may cause the deterioration of the community, which cannot be compensated by the tax revenue. There are examples from other states.	10/18/2019 7:35 AM
49	I am concerned about the community safety with the potential Cannabis retail. The negative impact may not be compensated by the tax revenue.	10/18/2019 7:33 AM
50	Although I am not a resident, I live in the neighboring village. Allowing any of the above will decrease the property value and create a very bad image of Woodridge. Please refer Northern California towns, villages for references.	10/18/2019 6:32 AM
51	Opt out please	10/18/2019 12:20 AM
52	Please opt out! In real life, I have heard at least two people who used marijuana told me how marijuana almost ruined their live and they told me no one could possibly find one single thing good about marijuana. Please opt out!	10/18/2019 12:18 AM
53	Please opt out. Help our children! They are innocent!	10/18/2019 12:15 AM
54	Leadership should bring Woodridge citizens back to the righteous track if citizens are derailed. Leadership should not force their people to deviate to the path leading to the hell, which is the cannabis addition and disaster. As citizens, we will remember the opt in leadership members and vote them down next term.	10/17/2019 10:27 PM
55	Opt Out	10/17/2019 9:48 PM
56	My southwest subdivision in Woodridge has a big enough problem with the drunks from Naperville and Bolingbrook cutting through. Last thing we need is them coming here to do anything in relation to cannabis whether consumption, manufacture, distribute or sale. Stop this nonsense and let it be consumed and distributed elsewhere. We have enough drug issues in this town without adding to it.	10/17/2019 2:25 PM
57	Let's Opt In	10/16/2019 4:07 PM
58	This would be a great opportunity for Woodridge to get in on another way to bring in tax dollars for the village. I am in favor for the village to Opt In. Thanks	10/16/2019 3:48 PM

## ADULT USE CANNABIS SURVEY

59	Woodridge has always been years ahead of the curve. Most people are concerned about the stigma that marijuana brings, and even more concerned about woodridge's appearance. The truth is most of these dispensaries look more like doctor offices than liquor stores. 11 states have already voted in for recreational marijuana, with 33 states giving the ok for medical use. Obviously the stigma is long gone. Denver Colorado has gained over a billion dollars in tax revenue since recreational cannabis was legalized. If woodridge votes no people will travel to nearby suburbs to acquire cannabis. Stay Open-minded Woodridge.	10/15/2019 2:23 PM
60	please keep cannabis sales out of Woodridge	10/13/2019 11:51 AM
61	Don't want to walk down a street and smell pot. Also, it will be another drivers issue added to distractions of cell phones and alcohol.	10/13/2019 8:15 AM
62	The tax revenue alone would be a major plus for Woodridge, especially with surrounding tons Opting out. It's a no brainer!	10/13/2019 5:57 AM
63	It's a legal retail and manufacturing opportunity that is not being capitalized on. It could be a municipal revenue opportunity. Only emotions and opinion would make someone say no.	10/12/2019 6:56 PM
64	It's a legal activity and should be an additional source of revenue.	10/12/2019 4:56 PM
65	My daughter died of bone cancer and medical marijuana was very helpful for her pain and nausea. I think it could help many other people with various illnesses, some of which are not covered through the current medical program (example: migraine headaches).	10/12/2019 4:40 PM
66	We don't need this in Woodridge.	10/12/2019 2:42 PM
67	Bolingbrook, Downers Grove, and Naperville have all voted no, but Woodridge can have the tax money for all three!	10/12/2019 9:25 AM
68	We should take advantage of the opportunity to bring this new business to our village, especially since neighboring communities have already opposed. There is revenue to be had, why not welcome it?	10/11/2019 7:50 PM
69	I am for the tax revenue that this can bring to the village, but concerned about the new experiences this will bring and the potential impact to additionally impaired drivers.	10/11/2019 6:39 PM
70	This will be a great benefit to the county, we have the space and need the business. Go visit a medical marijuana dispensary and see the people it helps. It will not bring in questionable people and crime, most wont be able to afford the prices at the dispensaries.	10/11/2019 6:06 PM
71	Should be respected and regulated like alcohol.	10/11/2019 5:06 PM
72	I believe the village could use the taxes from these operations.	10/11/2019 4:47 PM
73	DEA classifies Cannabis as schedule 1 controlled substance. It has high potential for abuse. Plus a Recreational Marijuana store is a cash business. They can not accept credit cards due to it's a federally illegal drug. It poses great threat to public safety!	10/11/2019 11:52 AM
74	For the better future, we say no to recreational cannabis!	10/10/2019 3:16 PM
75	An opt-out does not instill a magical wall around the borders of Woodridge that would keep out marijuana. Marijuana and related paraphernalia will be consumed in our village regardless; I see no reason to opt-out when our village could financially benefit from taxation of sales to consumers as well as industrial/corporate taxes on extraction manufacturing locations in the village.	10/10/2019 9:32 AM

## ADULT USE CANNABIS SURVEY

76	Dear Woodridge council members, My name is Hui Shan, and my husband name is Qing Rong, and we are Downers Grove residents. Last night, our wise Downers Grove council members already voted for OPT OUT for the recreation of cannabis sales in our town. As your great neighbors we are writing this email to urge you to OPT OUT of Legalization sale of Marijuana are the reasons: 1. It will damage the village's image and reputation and drive away people who otherwise are coming to raise their families here. Those are the people the community need for our long term development, not those who just want to come here to get high. 2. It will increase the tension among the community members. 3. The tax revenue comes with unpredictable financial and intangible cost. We could see increased traffic accidents and legal costs, increased law enforcement cost, increased auto and home insurance premium, decreased home values, increased medical cost, mental illness issues, homelessness issues and crime. 4. It could hurt local business also because people will have less disposable income to spend on other things locally. 5. some people said since we allow alcohol and tobacco we should allow marijuana also. This does not make sense. Just because we are unable to solve the substance abuse issues such as alcohol, Tabasco, vaping, we should introduce another potentially harmful substance? We believe our community leaders have the vision to look after our village's long term interest and make the wise decision to resist this short term temptation. Please OPT OUT. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated! Sincerely, Hui Shan Ke Qing Rong Wei	10/9/2019 8:27 PM
77	Please opt out cannabis, which will damage brain and is not reversible. Want to keep our children safety	10/9/2019 8:20 PM
78	Think about our kids. When did you read your Bible last time?	10/9/2019 7:40 PM
79	It is harmful to kids and people	10/9/2019 7:38 PM
80	Let's collect tax revenue and remove some of the burden from village property owners	10/9/2019 5:42 PM
81	I support the idea of freedom. Businesses should be able to operate. If there is demand for the product or service, the business will thrive. If not, the business will fail. Let the public vote with their wallets.	10/9/2019 5:28 PM
82	We tend to believe things could be under our control, the reality is tons of people are struggling make the right decisions for them and for others under our care!	10/9/2019 9:15 AM
83	I'm all for it.	10/8/2019 10:38 PM
84	I think this would create new jobs and be a new source of tax revenue for the village. If Woodridge doesn't allow it, those tax dollars will go to neighboring towns and be a missed opportunity for Woodridge.	10/8/2019 9:31 PM
85	Let's not be silly and let this opportunity for revenue pass us up! This is easy money for something that causes less harm than other substances that are readily available and legal in Woodridge.	10/8/2019 9:22 PM
86	Easy access to cannabis will result increasing use of it, may among students in high schools.	10/8/2019 9:07 PM
87	If you're going to ban this, then ban alcohol, which is far more dangerous	10/8/2019 4:16 PM
88	Please opt out cannabis to keep our living/working environment clear and quality. Thanks.	10/8/2019 10:43 AM
89	Cannabis is not good for the public health and safety! The revenue it might bring doesn't worth the damage it would caused the town in terms of reputation and higher accidents related to the easier cannabis access. Please vote for opt out to keep Woodridge a nice and safe town! Thank you!	10/8/2019 10:24 AM
90	Marijuana is still drug in majority countries in the world. It's still illegal under federal law. Data from CO, WA and Canada do not support that it will benefit local economy. Before we have better data on it's impact on public health and public safety and the efficient government monitor methods have been put on table, I strongly oppose recreational sales of it. Otherwise, it will another vaping issue or even worse and will cost public resource to clean it up.	10/8/2019 9:52 AM
91	I have been living in woodridge for 20 years. For the sake of our next generation, pls opt out cannabis!!	10/8/2019 9:46 AM
92	I feel we are moving too fast on this. Any additional money may be eaten up by police issues and social services. Neighboring communities are rejecting the idea and I fear Woodridge will become the pot center for all nearby communities, not a good idea.	10/8/2019 7:35 AM
93	Once this happens then harder drugs will be moving in too	10/7/2019 8:08 PM

## ADULT USE CANNABIS SURVEY

94	As a retired police officer, I have seen up close and personal what ALL drugs do. Just because our idiot Governor and Legislature passed this stupid law, doesn't mean Woodridge should get on the wagon! Cannabis IS a gateway drug. Also, the first ISP Trooper killed this year was run down by a 58 year old white male from WI, allegedly under the influence of Cannabis. Need we say more???	10/7/2019 7:51 PM
95	There is no way to measure like alcohol. You can observe people, but no way to officially measure on the street. I feel there will be many car incidents and people getting hurt.	10/7/2019 7:17 PM
96	Cannabis is bad for our children	10/7/2019 6:56 PM
97	Opt OUT	10/7/2019 5:46 PM
98	Village won't see revenue until Sept. 2020 Safety concerns, as stated in the open meeting. Not consistent with the Village model/values cost of insurance will eventually increase.	10/7/2019 5:23 PM
99	LETS GET PAID	10/7/2019 11:49 AM
100	None. This is a great, untapped, revenue stream that can do wonders for our community. Just look at what Colorado has done for their [formerly] homeless population. The pearl-clutching busybodies have had their chance to run things, let the prime-age generations choose, not the Boomers.	10/7/2019 9:59 AM
101	Bring the revenue to Woodridge!!	10/7/2019 8:47 AM
102	Delay any decision for recreational use until other communities have adopted for at least a year.	10/6/2019 9:25 PM
103	Marijuana should be treated as alcohol. It is a great substitute for those who do not consume alcohol but still would like to be able to relax a little on the weekend. Sell it, tax it!!! Use the money for the community.	10/6/2019 8:19 PM
104	Woodridge has a chance to do something good for the entire community by allowing dispensaries & the like to open up. Shop local! Shop Woodridge!	10/6/2019 8:19 PM
105	Neighboring towns narrow mindedness can be a benefit for Woodridge. They don't want the tax revenue, we'll gladly accept it. People are going to go somewhere & buy cannabis come January 1st & that's where their money will also go. Shop local & keep the tax revenue local.	10/6/2019 8:07 PM
106	The Village should recognize that residents will use this. Accept that fact and collect the revenue, don't be closed minded and lose out on it	10/6/2019 6:33 PM
107	I approve of sales and cultivation of medical marijuana within the village starting immediately to make access easier for legitimate med patients. Let's wait the six months before deciding to sell recreational in our town. Recreational users are a different crowd with a different agenda for purchasing the product besides pain relief.	10/6/2019 1:16 PM
108	Strongly support medical cannabis sales; all Cultivation and manufacturing of cannabis; lounge/cafes not quite as sure about	10/6/2019 1:15 PM
109	Oppose allowing Cannabis into the community except for legitimate medical use. We need to protect the children who live here.	10/6/2019 12:52 PM
110	Entry level for more potent drugs such as heroine.No way of reliably detecting on a suspected driver.	10/6/2019 11:28 AM
111	Please prohibit retail sale and/or commercial cultivation of cannabis in Woodridge	10/5/2019 9:00 PM
112	Strongly Oppose.	10/5/2019 7:27 PM
113	Regardless of the propaganda, this is an entry level drug which can lead to misuse and addition issues.	10/5/2019 7:17 PM
114	In spite of what the media and state politicians would have us believe, there are plenty of published studies and evidence of the harmful effects of cannabis.	10/5/2019 6:46 PM
115	Cannabis is not a gateway drug. Studies show that alcohol is the gateway. There are no health benefits to alcohol and cigarettes and yet they are readily available every where in the village. Medical cannabis has helped so many people and there are thousands more who either do not fit the short list of medical requirements or cannot afford the upfront cost of the card. By following the examples of the states and cities that have come before us, we can establish guidelines that can be beneficial to both users and tax payers.	10/5/2019 3:17 PM
116	Please save the future of kids.	10/5/2019 2:02 PM
117	Let it happen and generate some tax money.	10/5/2019 1:12 PM

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118	I strongly support medical and recreational use.	10/5/2019 12:55 PM
119	opt out for next generations.	10/5/2019 12:47 PM
120	Woodridge is a family oriented place. That's why people moved here to provide the best and the safest environment for our kids.	10/5/2019 11:52 AM
121	Strongly oppose	10/5/2019 10:53 AM
122	I disapprove of any establishment selling or allowing customers to smoke marijuana. I find the smell offensive and the odor invades my personal space - much worse then cigarette smells.	10/5/2019 7:44 AM
123	Increase revenue for the village	10/5/2019 6:45 AM
124	I think tax revenue for the sale would be good for the city, and if it's legal why not? other towns will gain from the revenue.	10/5/2019 5:36 AM
125	Allowing retail marijuana sale in Woodridge will have detrimental effect to the residents in the surrounding communities. Impact of adding one more drug to the market is not simply additive effect on public health and safety, it is multiplying destructive effect which cause more emergency room visits more traffic deaths due to multiple substance misuse, as evidenced in Colorado. More traffic accidents means more innocent lives to be taken away. Making our community less safe. Please opt out!	10/4/2019 11:41 PM
126	Even though purchasers will acquire these elsewhere at least it will be elsewhere.	10/4/2019 9:07 PM
127	Don't think the tax will help, keep Woodridge marijuana free	10/4/2019 7:36 PM
128	This is not in the best interest of the residents of the community.	10/4/2019 4:11 PM
129	Cannabis will be legal and will not stop at another suburban boundary. The only question is which suburbs will get tax revenue from it. I'd rather these facilities pay the taxes than me paying more.	10/4/2019 3:30 PM
130	Since they only deal in cash because of banking laws and federally illegal we don't need this problem in our community. Let Chicago deal with it.	10/4/2019 3:25 PM
131	Please don't allow drug manufacturing and distribution in any way.	10/4/2019 3:22 PM
132	I am extremely concerned about the easy access it is going to provide for young children to a highly addictive drug. This is a disaster waiting to happen.	10/4/2019 3:15 PM
133	Not a good deal but a huge regret for the village! Look at what happens in MA. "As hundreds nationwide have been sickened by mysterious lung disease, Charlie Baker has declared a public health emergency, ordering a temporary four-month ban on the sale of all vaping products, tobacco and marijuana, in the state. ... The vaping ban in Massachusetts goes until January 25. Medicinal marijuana patients on edge over vaping sales ban ... <a href="https://www.wvlp.com/news/massachusetts/medicinal-marijuana-patient...">https://www.wvlp.com › news › massachusetts › medicinal-marijuana-patient...</a> The smart way for a wise person to learn is from the mistake of others. Woodridge, OPT-OUT!!!!	10/4/2019 3:10 PM
134	Long-term consumption of cannabis can cause permanent adverse changes in the brain and alter behavior.	10/4/2019 3:02 PM
135	Ignore the metrics for surveys and social media. There's a strong push by businesses to drive competition out of the area. Since the surveys especially are prone to anonymous submissions, it's easy for a single individual/group to skew the results. Listen to the comments and vote for what you feel is in the best interest of the village. There's a reason we voted the group in - we trust you to make these decisions.	10/4/2019 2:43 PM
136	The sales revenue is outweighed by 1. Increasing medical expenses (ER visits & drug related accident) 2. Police force cost (extra police & training), 3. Legal fees (piling of lawsuits coming) 4. Declining property value (from a professional realtor's personal experience), 5. Notorious reputation of the village (Who wants to start a family in Woodridge? Raising weed kids.) 6. Escalating crime rate (robbery & drug related) 7. Damage of human life DUM (Drunk under marijuana) related accident & death 8. The negative short term & long term health effect of the drugs <a href="https://www.drugabuse.gov/search/Marijuana">https://www.drugabuse.gov/search/Marijuana</a> Let us not only focus on the short term gain but look at the broad picture & its consequences. We look forward to the day our beloved village join our wise neighbors (e.g. Bolingbrook, Naperville,, Wheaton) in opting out the sale of marijuan	10/4/2019 2:41 PM
137	This is deeply concerning. I hope the board will realize the negative ramifications this will have for our community and children.	10/4/2019 1:52 PM

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138	The states and villages that have approved / support cannabis activities are actively learning that this is not nearly as profitable when weighing the cost of society. There is no social injustice by restricting this activity in our village. This prays upon the less affluent. Woodridge cannot afford to have residents and non residents driving intoxicated on cannabis, there is no proven tests for impaired drivers. To many kids and residents at risk to approve the commercial activity in Woodridge.	10/4/2019 1:35 PM
139	stongly oppose	10/4/2019 1:31 PM
140	In my opinion Cannabis is not safe. It is not safe for the user. It is unsafe to smoke and drive and be under the influence of Cannabis. Parents who provide Cannabis to anyone under the age of 21 should serve time in prison	10/4/2019 1:02 PM
141	As long as it is legal, might as well capitalize on any potential revenue from it.	10/4/2019 12:54 PM
142	I think having Cannabis Establishments would be great for the community, in terms of bringing jobs and additional village revenue (assuming village is able to receive tax revenue). I think with the proper regulations there is a great upside to cannabis establishments.	10/4/2019 12:39 PM
143	Will definitely move out Woodridge if any there are any types of cannabis establishments!	10/4/2019 11:41 AM
144	Oppose recreational cannabis sales	10/4/2019 9:49 AM
145	I strongly against the local retail sale of adult-use cannabis. The retail sale will impair the community safety. The marijuana will introduce other harder drugs and crime. Our children and adolescents will be at heightened risk of using the marijuana sold at these dispensaries, as the drug becomes far more accessible. We also need more funds to ensure effective policies and programs are put into place to help prevent young people from using marijuana. The cost of the local retail sale of adult-use cannabis will be more than the benefit of the tax income	10/4/2019 9:46 AM
146	Don't let our community and next generations of the community be harmed	10/4/2019 9:35 AM
147	It will be a really bad move if this is allowed, not only for Woodbridge, but also for surrounding areas, as i see The west suburbs as family friendly, healthy, and green.	10/4/2019 8:55 AM
148	I live in Naperville township, which is only about 10 miles west of Woodridge. I strongly oppose the establishment of any business related to recreational cannabis consumption. The benefit of extra revenue to the city is far less than the risks it brings to the area.	10/4/2019 8:48 AM
149	please keep clean air for our children	10/4/2019 8:11 AM
150	As a 13+ year Woodridge resident, I love the living environment of the area. It's peaceful and family- and kids-friendly. However, allowing the retail sales and/or commercial cultivation of cannabis will change all these. It will also have negative influence on kids especially teenagers. Not the least, it will negatively impact safety in the area. So I strongly oppose the decision to allow the use, sale, manufacturing of cannabis in our village.	10/4/2019 8:01 AM
151	Great tax revenue stream - if Woodridge doesn't opt in, then other cities that "opt in",like Darien, will gain the tax revenue as residents will go to Darien for their purchase. Younger than 21 residents get it where they can.	10/4/2019 7:46 AM
152	This "investment" might rapidly turn into a disaster when drug users dangling around the area, property values deappreciated, and decent families moved out. It is a major step backwards for our town, leading us to fall further behind our neighbors such as Lisle and naperville	10/4/2019 7:33 AM
153	Don't see any benefit except short term financial gain. Longer term, all losses.	10/4/2019 7:23 AM
154	crime public safety property value city of trust	10/4/2019 7:19 AM
155	Safety impact, conflict confused signals to children	10/4/2019 7:17 AM
156	Vote no to marijuana for the safety and health of our residents and neighbors.	10/4/2019 7:00 AM
157	Please do a full vetted long term cost benefit analysis of the decision. Do not, in your good conscience, make a shortsighted decision that would have detrimental effect (both economic and societal) for generations to come. Consider our village's safe environment, reputation, attractiveness to new business, attractiveness to new homeowners, impact on next generation's education and standard of living. Adult have the right to choose their lifestyle, but we know we would not want any of our loved ones to be a drug user. Easy access to cannabis is in a way encourage the usage in both adult population and youth population. I respect individual's right to use it, but making a decision knowing that the decision would encourage people to use drugs, who would otherwise not, is something I'm having difficulty understanding.	10/3/2019 11:09 PM

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158	This is not a question of use. Hop on board the tidal wave to be an early vendor. Build your early customer base.	10/3/2019 9:46 PM
159	Since consumption of Cannabis will become legal in the State Of Illinois, I believe Woodridge should take advantage of the regulation and revenue benefits of allowing different aspects of this industry to prosper here. If we oppose it, that revenue will just go to a neighboring community. I believe our Police are faced with the same challenges whether there is a dispensary in Woodridge or not so N.C. we might as well reap some of the financial benefits of it to improve services, support education, offset long term liabilities, and help keep taxes from further increasing.	10/3/2019 9:45 PM
160	I think the extra income that Woodridge will have access to is non-negligible. If Woodridge residents want to purchase cannabis products, they will just drive to the closest location (likely Darien). That tax money that would have gone to Woodridge if it had opted in will just go to Darien residents. It would be foolish to opt out. Resident tax dollars should stay in Woodrige.	10/3/2019 9:29 PM
161	Opt out. Take your time to look at all the information. We want a family friendly community.	10/3/2019 8:42 PM
162	Surrounding villages have turned down an opportunity to increase tax revenue due to out dated thinking & statistics. I encourage Woodridge to not do the same. Cannabis will be legal in Illinois January 1st 2020. People will spend their money somewhere to purchase it & therefore giving that business & tax revenues to those towns that are willing to be forward thinking. The old arguments that you will end up with a town full of stoners is just absurd. The strict rules, regulations, & laws imposed by the state will no doubt keep this from happening. Not to mention the huge financial investments made by the cannabis companies will further aid in them maintaining high standards for operation as to not loose their investments. I strongly urge Woodridge to OPT-IN & reap the benefits of increased taxes revenue. It's time to put the days of the "Reefer Madness" movie in the past!	10/3/2019 7:39 PM
163	If you build it, they will come. They will also spend money in our other stores and restaurants while they're here. PLUS, legal marijuana could help save lives. A dear friend's 21 year old son died because of a black market marijuana vape cartridge. It killed him instantly. While we listen to everyone "...but the children...", remember that legal products could also save our children.	10/3/2019 6:51 PM
164	A board limiting legal businesses destroys the electorates ability to decide. This should simply be a question of zoning. If you choose not to allow this, what other businesses do you want to ban? Ethnic grocery stores, religious shops, planned parenthood are all examples of businesses that are denied licenses as a way to steal freedom of choice from local residents.	10/3/2019 6:09 PM
165	My concern is that if this decision is rushed through, local communities will face unforeseen consequences due to the lack of time necessary to institute the best practices in policy-making and in cooperative efforts with the police, first responders and educators.	10/3/2019 4:59 PM
166	Woodridge should do whatever it can to keep cannabis out of the village. I believe Illinois has gone in the wrong direction by legalizing the recreational use of it.	10/3/2019 4:36 PM
167	I strongly believe in cannabis use for medical purposes only and do not feel recreational use should be encouraged. Too many people would make poor decisions after indulging in casual use...much like now seen with alcohol overuse.	10/3/2019 2:10 PM
168	I feel Woodridge should take advantage of the taxes cannabis sales will bring	10/3/2019 1:06 PM
169	While other towns are choosing to opt out of marijuana sales, I strongly hope that Woodridge will be smart and opt in. People will be buying weed from somewhere, Woodridge might as well benefit from those sales! Marijuana is less harmful than alcohol or tobacco, both of which are widely distributed throughout the village.	10/3/2019 12:58 PM
170	I believe we are asking for more problems in our village and we have enough already.	10/3/2019 11:58 AM
171	Be progressive. Set an example for how towns can successfully allow cannabis and benefit from it.	10/3/2019 10:45 AM
172	The Village of Woodridge should regulate and not opt out. Opting out will not prevent possession or recreational use of cannabis in Woodridge. Our community has an opportunity not only to financially benefit but to also lead by example in how cannabis is legislated in our state. Woodridge is uniquely suited for cannabis businesses because its planning, development and location can be accommodating for sensible ordinances and regulation. Woodridge should remember that the CRTA is rooted in the destructiveness of prohibition.	10/3/2019 8:41 AM
173	I would like to see the village be progressive and take this opportunity to be on the front lines of benefiting, both monetarily and for the health of the residents. Thank you.	10/2/2019 7:32 PM

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174	I believe this is a wonderful business opportunity for Woodridge to attract income and tax revenue for our village from neighboring towns who are opposing it. If people can go out and grab a beer then other people should be able to enjoy themselves in other manners that don't involve alcohol.	10/2/2019 7:06 PM
175	Can't wait for for the tax revenue to come to our town and hopefully will keep our property taxes as low as they are. This might even lead to lower taxes in the village already. I am very excited.	10/2/2019 6:32 PM
176	I fully support legalization of cannabis within Illinois, and hope the community my wife and i have chose to live in can provide people the same option/opportunity to choose that the state has.	10/2/2019 6:30 PM
177	As an unincorporated neighbor of Woodridge, I support these businesses in the community. I've not given much thought to the cafes/lounges, but I think in zoning it would help if they locate as to require a brief walk to parking. City center, etc. For example, zoning may want to avoid sending patrons directly out the door of a cafe and onto 45mph roadway. This will not be without problems, but I think it will be largely positive. Thank you for your request for comments.	10/2/2019 6:27 PM
178	If you can have a microbrew or a Starbucks, no real differences legally or morally.	10/2/2019 6:27 PM
179	I'm going to smoke marijuana often. Your town should make some money off it	10/2/2019 5:27 PM
180	Please don't miss out on this revenue!!!	10/2/2019 5:18 PM
181	I think there is a learning curve with any new business. Woodridge is a great place already and objectively, this is something I think the residents and non-residents can responsibly undertake for the further improvement of the community- a 20 year resident and non-user	10/2/2019 5:16 PM
182	-Great revenue for the township	10/2/2019 5:12 PM
183	Cannabis should be treated no different than alcohol and tobacco.	10/2/2019 5:09 PM
184	Don't lose out on the taxes! Put the facilities in industrial parks.	10/2/2019 5:06 PM
185	This is a potential revenue stream that can set Woodridge apart from surrounding communities and really drive job creation along with tax revenue. This something that could attract people into Woodridge from the surrounding areas increasing foot traffic and impact other businesses positively outside of the cannabis industry.	10/2/2019 5:04 PM
186	Residents of Woodridge will continue to get cannabis one way or another, like they have been doing for decades. This is a prime opportunity to bring more business and tax dollars to Woodridge. I can understand why we would restrict smoke lounges, since we don't want people driving stoned. We are not a large city where people can commute by train/bus easily.	10/2/2019 4:12 PM
187	As a social worker I am concerned with the rise in mental health diagnoses and the use of cannabis for otc without supervision. The cost to the taxpayers hasn't been properly vetted.	10/2/2019 2:28 PM
188	There are alot of elder people who live in woodridge and prohibiting the sales of medical/ recreational cannabis would only make them having to travel farther for cannabis relief. Not everyone can afford a car or even are allowed to drive with a medical condition it would only make the life harder for the people who are trully in need compared to those who use it recreational. Prohibiting sales and cultivation will not stop or prevent people from smoking . Laws are enforced from keeping people to smoke cannabis in the public eye and it of course would be done in the comfort of their property. Why would we make our resident and travel else where when we can allow them to stay in our city. Woodridge is really a town where we arent known for anything but high taxes and low crime rate. It would be a fresh take to bring in not only good tax revenue but more traffic to our town from other towns. After all the people who would be consuming it would be 21 and over. there are more deaths with alchohol involved compared to cannabis and woodridge will allow package stores without batting an eye so why would we withhold people in need of relief ?	10/2/2019 2:26 PM
189	There is so much money to be made with this, how can you say no to it? Seriously. So. Much. Money. With other towns opting out, they will need to spend their money somewhere, why not Woodridge?	10/2/2019 1:43 PM
190	I do not think that allowing cannabis to be sold, distributed etc in Woodridge should be allowed for the sake of our children and the safety of our Village. We already have problems in Woodridge in drug use, selling etc that is not being resolved so why add to these concerns as most of the time police do not want to deal with it. I have a neighbor that sells drugs repeatedly and has been even when he went to DGS but no one dealt with it. You can't tell me that the school did not know this was going on as more than half of his sales were from high school age kids. Wake up and take control Woodridge as there are many subsidized housing areas that are doing the same thing including the Skate park!!!	10/2/2019 8:55 AM



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191	The point to decriminalize cannabis will be rendered pointless if consumers cannot purchase. Despite my reservations, Woodridge could benefit by the potential tax gains considering towns around here are taking the "not in my backyard" stance. People will purchase cannabis regardless, they, as with everything, will find a way. May as well make it safe to purchase and remove the negative, criminal underground stereotypes and profit from it.	10/2/2019 8:50 AM
192	Make Edward Don & Co. pay their fair share of taxes!!!	10/1/2019 9:00 PM
193	More people will now start driving while they are high. Now that it's legal, they will be smoking while they are driving. Accidents are going to increase. Only dopes smoke dope.	10/1/2019 7:25 PM
194	I fail to see how cannabis use is different from alcohol use. I do not partake myself, but I do not see any harm in its use. The only issues I have seen are with vaping cannabis - however it is hard to know what was in those caping devices. Al alters state of mind from cannabis is not different from alcohol with the exception that people do not typically get violent using cannabis. This product is used for cancer patients and others who suffer great illness and pain. It has been villanized over time because of the paper industry. If we have bars that serve alcohol we should also have places where people can smoke!	10/1/2019 6:45 PM
195	My strong negative reaction is driven by knowledge and personal experience of criminal elements coming into Woodridge. My neighborhood recently witnessed fallout from a robbery gone bad at Kohl's on 75th street. The perpetrators ended up hiding out in our neighborhood, eluding the police for several hours and the escaping by Uber. I'm not so much concerned with pot smokers as with others attracted to pot establishments and putting our neighbors at risk. It only takes one time.	10/1/2019 1:54 PM
196	Enforcement would be difficult. Bad influence for kids. I will consider the result of the village decision in the next election. Thank you for the opportunity to raise our voice.	10/1/2019 1:08 PM
197	Why do we need to begin selling "recreational cannabis" in Woodridge ? What are the benefits and risks of doing so ? It's unfortunate our governor voted to legalize cannabis. While the revenue from such sales may be a budgetary attraction, I believe it adds to our societal burden, and comes at a societal price — in the form of public health issues, law enforcement, and public safety ..... I hope the Village is NOT planning to allow sale of cannabis within the village. I believe many neighboring towns such as naperville, lisle, and downers have already voted against allowing such sales. I would urge the village Board to vote against selling cannabis in Woodridge..	10/1/2019 9:42 AM
198	As you can see from my responses, I am opposed to anything having to do with cannabis in Woodridge. Too bad it is allowed in Illinois. Why anyone thinks this is a good idea is beyond me. While the law compares cannabis to alcohol, evidently the state legislators haven't noticed the amount of DUI arrests that occur, the amount of accidents where a driver is DUI. I think the legislators see only dollar signs. We can't control what goes on in the rest of the state, but the Village of Woodridge can control what is allowed in Woodridge. Except for medical use, I totally oppose any Cannabis-related use in our village. It will be interesting to see how the Village Board processes this.	9/30/2019 3:08 PM
199	I request to ban the commercial sale and cultivation of cannabis in my loved Woodridge. The reasons are: 1) easier access will potentially cause issues in community safety, real estate value drop, and reputation of our city; 2). impact our next generation in a negative way. Thanks!	9/30/2019 1:47 PM
200	No cannabis usage any where in the village	9/30/2019 10:07 AM
201	if for medicinal purposes agree it is needed	9/29/2019 10:30 PM
202	I have grave concerns for the safety of our youth. Both dispensaries and smoke lounges have a history of marketing to youth under 21 and I'm sure this will have a profound negative effect on our community. Marijuana is addictive and it is a gateway drug.	9/28/2019 7:50 PM
203	Let's balance our exposure & involvement with our neighboring towns. Don't be super opposed or super engaged. Also, maybe it's best to WAIT to see how other towns are affected before we jump in.	9/28/2019 5:40 PM
204	Excellent source of tax revenue.	9/28/2019 5:40 PM

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205	<p>We must come together and say YES to allowing adults to make adult choices- just as we do for alcohol. There is no legal cannabis location currently in the works to be opening in our Village. NONE. Only medical dispensaries have authority to decide whether they wish to also have a separate area for legal non-medicinal use, and NONE of those locations are in Woodridge and NONE of the medical dispensaries as of now have expressed any interest in coming to Woodridge. I know 8 people who are in chronic pain for a number of reasons and they all use or have-used HEROIN to fight the pain. Those of whom are still alive, less than 50% of them, have successfully defeated opioid addiction by using medical cannabis to keep the pain at bay. No one will be allowed to smoke in public or drive high, as the state-wide legislation clearly states. I don't see people at board meetings demanding we shut-down all the alcohol sales, even though cannabis has a death toll of ZERO whereas alcohol takes thousands of lives annually. This is not about kids smoking a joint on the playground- which was never legal and still will not be. This is about people with horrible conditions who use cannabis products in the comfort of their own homes away from public view in order to alleviate their symptoms of suffering. If you think this is about kids having easier access to pot, you are NOT in ANY way familiar with the ordinance that Woodridge is considering. I can literally buy pot on the street anytime anywhere. Dealers are just going to increase in numbers in places where fear-mongering folk think they're "doing the right thing." Shame on everyone who didn't even read about this and who thinks their "no" vote is protecting ANYONE. It isn't. You are only harming those adults who are already suffering and don't want to be prescribed powerful and addicting drugs by the pharmaceutical industry. VOTE YES to help your neighbors steer clear of painkillers and hard drugs.</p>	9/28/2019 2:30 PM
206	<p>If sales are allowed are the taxes going to be. I decrease or increase? What does data show about safety of living around the area where sales are allowed? Accidents? Crime? Theft? Where would the dispensaries and cafe shops be placed? Location/distances from schools, parks and local kids hangout areas?</p>	9/28/2019 12:26 PM
207	<p>We need to move ahead with cannabis to open it up to research. We have wasted too much time keeping cannabis illegal when we know it has valuable medicinal purposes. It is much better to have the industry regulated than to leave people to the mercy of the black market.</p>	9/28/2019 10:49 AM
208	<p>Don't delay the inevitable. The time has come</p>	9/28/2019 7:57 AM
209	<p>Raising small children, I don't want them to see cannabis stores all over the town. It just brings another issue that kids shouldn't deal with to light enough that I will need to have heavier conversations with my 6 and 3 year old than if there weren't businesses in our town. There will be plenty of places to buy it around Illinois, I would just prefer those that partake have to leave Woodridge to obtain it.</p>	9/27/2019 7:58 PM
210	<p>good source of tax revenue.</p>	9/27/2019 7:29 PM
211	<p>I am the father of two teenagers and this new legalization absolutely scares the heck out of me. I am envious of the town of Naperville's Stance against dispensaries and hope that we will follow their lead.</p>	9/27/2019 6:48 PM
212	<p>I am fine with medical dispensaries for patients who have been prescribed cannabis for medical purposes by a physician.</p>	9/27/2019 6:08 PM
213	<p>Let's not miss out on this opportunity especially in light of Naperville's decision to pass. Responsible adult usage has many exceptional health benefits. Let's not make Woodridge residents go to another municipality and spend our tax dollars there.</p>	9/27/2019 3:03 PM
214	<p>If there are retail/cafe spaces I would hope they would be clean, well designed spaces.</p>	9/27/2019 10:14 AM
215	<p>I believe that cannabis is less dangerous than alcohol and that in time it will be viewed as a better alternative.</p>	9/26/2019 5:28 PM
216	<p>It is a legal good that vendors should be able to sell.</p>	9/26/2019 5:00 PM
217	<p>The village board should strongly consider the use of adult use cannabis for dispensaries, cultivation, manufacturing, and smoke lounges. Many of the towns surrounding the village have chose not to allow sales in any way. By allowing this we would be able to benefit at having up to a 3% tax on the sales of the product. Though the school, park and library district are separate taxing bodies it would benefit the village and potentially not raising taxes. I would prevent the sale around liquor stores, schools, parks, etc. And I would zone an area away from those locations by at least 2000 ft if possible.</p>	9/26/2019 3:26 PM

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218	If we do not allow more legally run cannabis retailers stores we will be allowing the community to legally possess illegal products they are buying off the street. Legal possession begins Jan 2020, we may as well be allowing those in the community to possess safe products that are state regulated.	9/26/2019 11:46 AM
219	I vote yes to cannabis dispensaries, cultivation, and manufacturing facilities! The excise taxes and sales taxes that would be collected from the dispensaries and cultivation centers have the potential to provide Woodridge with some great opportunities to stay out of debt, while continuing to keep Woodridge a wonderful place to live! It would be a shame not to capitalize on the decision of surrounding suburbs to decline these sales. Money from cannabis can improve our schools, help us keep our parks and green space in excellent shape, and allow for additional community events and development.	9/25/2019 3:45 PM
220	What testing will be done on those stopped and/or involved in a driving moving violation/traffic accident within our area or village? As a family friendly village I do not want Woodridge to encourage use of recreational marijuana at all. I do not feel the tax revenue is worth the cost to the village.	9/25/2019 2:00 PM
221	cannabis is a drug that will lead to more potent drugs it should not be sold anywhere in the village of woodridge except for medical use prescribed by a license doctor.	9/25/2019 1:18 PM
222	As a long-time Woodridge resident, the only type of cannabis establishment that I have some concern with is the "Cannabis Cafe/Smoke Lounge" because I see that as having the potential to be the most problematic for our police force. Furthermore, I have several friends and relatives who are legally using medical cannabis to help them with their conditions and treatments (chemotherapy, migraines, etc.). Opting in will provide them with a retail alternative which would generate tax revenue for the Village of Woodridge. I believe it would be a win-win scenario.	9/25/2019 11:07 AM
223	Will bring in extra tax revenue	9/25/2019 10:54 AM
224	This is an illegal substance no matter what law is passed to make it legal. Please stop chasing \$\$\$'s, no money is worth the problems that this will bring to the community and its residents.	9/25/2019 9:33 AM
225	It is ironic that with all the push back on drug abuse that is happening now, we have a legal method to become addicted and open the door for more serious problems. Marijuana, especially today's more potent varieties is still a gateway drug. There is no way to determine safe usage as it applies to operating cars, heavy machinery or performing jobs/tasks that require one's full concentration. The risks do not outweigh the benefits of any tax revenue it might bring.	9/25/2019 8:12 AM
226	With other suburbs turning dispensaries away, I believe that this another opportunity for Woodridge to take the lead as they had with the industrial parks no one wanted. Colorado has done a very good job with their's They have well regulated and well run shops with almost no problems. Most naysayers have no problems with all the alcohol that's sold everywhere but cry wolf to a few dipensaries.	9/25/2019 7:26 AM
227	If this is voted in then that tells us that you care more about taxes than you do the citizens of this village.	9/25/2019 5:45 AM
228	The only reason it was ever illegal was because the Big Pharmaceutical companies knew how healing cannabis is, and they did not want the competition. I support edibles more than smoking, because of the harshness of breathing in smoke, and the smell it leaves behind. One thing that Colorado law enforcement learned after legalizing, was that violent crime went way down, and that people high on cannabis alone were a lot more cooperative that those full of alcohol. Also check out LEAP.org. It stands for Law Enforcement Against Prohibition. They sure do make a lot of sense. Thank you for the survey!	9/25/2019 3:36 AM
229	I think the legalization of recreational cannabis provides the Village with an opportunity for additional revenue, especially since nearby communities such as Naperville will not be opening retail locations. Speaking personally, I welcome a way to purchase legally and from a reputable source and am willing to pay the additional taxes. In terms of consumption, I adhere to the same rules as I do with alcohol: I don't drink in situations that may put myself or others in danger (when I have to drive, in non-restaurant/bar/event areas, etc.) and it's the same with cannabis consumption. I understand that it is way more difficult to test for cannabis DUI, and so I'm neutral on having areas for on-site consumption.	9/24/2019 12:18 PM
230	I feel that cannabis production and dispensing should be treated similarly to alcohol. As a child of the 60's and 70's, I'm looking forward to this new legislation!	9/24/2019 10:27 AM
231	Don't pass up this money	9/24/2019 6:52 AM

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232	Be Pro Cannabis.	9/23/2019 4:37 PM
233	Let's do this!	9/23/2019 2:55 PM
234	Why swim against the tide? Cannabis use is widely accepted by the public. Woodridge needs the revenue.	9/23/2019 2:33 PM
235	As long as it's regulated just like alcohol would be, why not have a great revenue builder?	9/23/2019 12:19 PM
236	I personally have never used Cannabis. That being said I am not opposed to it or the use of it in your own residence or a friends residence. I don't feel that we need to provide a place for it to be used.	9/23/2019 10:19 AM
237	Based on research data (I have a PhD in biomedical sciences), I don't believe marijuana is anywhere near as benign as people make it out to be.	9/23/2019 9:07 AM
238	Woodridge is a beautiful and responsible place to live and would hate for it to be tainted by the sale and cultivation of cannabis. Instead of cultivating cannabis let us continue to cultivate environmentally safe trees as our city name projects. Do not pollute our air, minds and bodies with yet another carcinogen. Thank you	9/23/2019 6:16 AM
239	I lived in Woodridge for over 30 years, my mom lived there for over 50 years, and I still work there. For those of us who suffer from chronic pain - in my case, Fibromyalgia and Rheumatoid Arthritis - we've been hearing for years from others in our situation who live in states with legalized marijuana, and how they've gotten pain relief from THC. You sell liquor at various locations in Woodridge and don't have drunks congregating on street corners. Do you really fear that if businesses sell cannabis, you'll have people who are high gathering outside your strip malls??? If people can't buy it in Woodridge, they'll buy it in the next town, and Woodridge will miss out on the revenue. Seems like you'll just be cutting off your nose to spite your face...	9/23/2019 12:06 AM
240	We should lead the crowd on what will be valuable growth and revenue for the village.	9/22/2019 10:05 PM
241	Recreational cannabis, like alcohol, is just another way for people to avoid dealing with their internal problems & emotional pain. Instead of getting to the core of their issues and dealing with them head on, they escape them with alcohol and drugs, becoming a weaker person each time. This in turn makes society as a whole weaker. We don't need any of this in Woodridge.	9/22/2019 9:54 PM
242	It seems our industrial areas would be a good fit for cultivation/ manufacturing. If it's going to happen within the state why not take advantage of the tax revenue.	9/22/2019 4:14 PM
243	Living in a condo, we already have issues with people smoking marijuana in common areas which makes the entire building smell. Can there be some sort of association bylaw that says where people can smoke on the property?	9/22/2019 2:44 PM
244	There is tax money to be made by getting into this at the ground floor	9/22/2019 2:34 PM
245	Drugs attract crime	9/22/2019 1:49 PM
246	I have no problem with medical cannabis, however do not want to see Woodridge promoting recreational use by supporting the sale or manufacture in town.	9/22/2019 1:40 PM
247	Cannabis use will create nothing but problems for our society in general. Increased accidents on the road & the workplace. Implementing such laws just for a revenue stream is not in the best interest of anyone.	9/22/2019 1:09 PM
248	Cannabis consumption has safety risks for non-users ranging from smoke allergies to driving infractions which outweigh the mere enjoyment of an impaired mental state by users.	9/22/2019 11:27 AM
249	Woodridge should get a license now when they are much easier to obtain.	9/22/2019 9:33 AM
250	Small problems create big problems	9/22/2019 9:10 AM
251	Opting in for cannabis will cause more problems for the village. There are other means to treat illness and legalizing this in our village can cause harm, crime and more temptation to our vulnerable teenagers. Our school district is not even able to solve bullying more so to add cannabis out in the open. I want to remain in Woodridge and don't wish the village to take part in this.	9/22/2019 7:44 AM
252	With Naperville opting out and Lisle on the verge of doing the same. I think it is an opportunity Woodridge cannot afford to lose. The argument that cannabis somehow destroys the family nature of a community and leads to more crime is BUNK! Cannabis use has been going on here for years with little notice. Help give the taxpayers a break for a change.	9/22/2019 7:04 AM

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253	Really not a fan of pot smoking in public areas, what people do behind closed doors is their business, dont like the smell of pot and concerned about going out in public and having to smell that smoke	9/22/2019 6:56 AM
254	Woodridge has high property taxes, empty warehouse and retail space we need this,as long as this income doesn't go towards salary increases for teacher, police, firemen or local government employees. Your pay is currently higher then the corp norm. STOP giving yoursflf raises and due something for the woodridge residence like lowet property taxes. This decision needs to benefit the residence for once. Our resident streets are horrible and we have high property taxes and higher property taxes then westmont, naperville, and woodridge. You could use the Sams warehouse and JCPenny for any manufacturer centers which would be perfect away from residence homes. I will be at the Oct meeting to voice my opinion.	9/21/2019 9:49 PM
255	just say no	9/21/2019 9:21 PM
256	Allowing cannibis sales could potentially lead to higher rates of cannibis users while driving. This could lead to serious accidents on our roadways. This is just one reason I oppose and hope that the rest of Woodridge does too	9/21/2019 9:14 PM
257	Let Woodridge make the money from it. It will be consumed in the village anyway	9/21/2019 9:10 PM
258	First, as a recovered drug addict and alcoholic, I find it abhorrent to think about the fact this is even an issue on the table. It strikes me as nieve to think people will legally buy government-regulated drugs when they can easily purchase unregulated Canibus from their dealers they have supported for years? Next, do we really have the means and resources to police this abusable substance? If there will be a requirement for more policing, won't that cost money as well? Are we going to lose some (or most) of the revenue generated by pot sales? As a Woodridge resident, I motion to opt-out of this ridiculous proposal.	9/21/2019 8:53 PM
259	Can not help think this is a HUGE mistake to allow these points to be accepted. Our young people will see the sale and use. And learn to accept this as a normal activity. In a couple of years these activities will be looked on as vaping is starting to be looked at. HUGH mistake. It seems anything goes as long as somebody get their share of some tax dollars. Has anybody figured out how to measure when you are an impaired driver on the streets of woodridge? Is it ok for a drunk impaired driver to get behind the wheel? The acceptance, use and sale , in my opinion, is a mistake. This idea makes me feel we are making our community unsafe and will lead to use of harder substance use. Bad idea!	9/21/2019 8:19 PM
260	It would help generate tax revenue that could be used for improvements and other benefits throughout the village over the years.	9/21/2019 7:07 PM
261	I do not even use cannabis but I think it will be beneficial to my community I lived in for 31 years.	9/21/2019 6:39 PM
262	This would be a wonderful way to bring many dying shopping centers in Woodridge back to life.	9/21/2019 2:51 PM
263	I think people should have the opportunity of buying and trying cannabis if it's something they would like. The city would need more police but the taxes would help pay for that and other things. Extraction site I oppose because of chemicals that might be put into atmosphere like our friends over at Willowbrook suffering from cancer from chemicals put into atmosphere by company. Do some research on the effects before of marijuana before judging it, it helps thousands of people deal with illnesses.	9/21/2019 1:38 PM
264	Some residents with health issues, Strongly believe that a marijuana dispensary would be nice in town.	9/21/2019 1:28 PM
265	I feel with allowing any of these things will cause more issues. You can say adult only but look at cigarettes and e-cigarettes hasn't stopped teens from purchasing them..	9/21/2019 12:23 PM
266	Its no different than alcohol consumption. It should be legal, hopefully free up jails for small amounts. Police have enough to do already without having to deal with small amounts. Plus the medical benefits. I firmly believe it should be medically available.	9/21/2019 11:28 AM

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267	I am resident of Naperville. I was once long time resident if woodridge. Conservative does not mean you should refuse to adapt to changing conditions and remain tied to out of date views. Not trying say having negative views of cannabis is out of date. If Cannabis is legal in Illinois and Woodridge bans sales, people can still go to other locations to purchase and use it. When important decisions are made distinguishing personal views and emotions from non obvious realities can be important. If people can buy cannabis products two towns over that is very little difference from buying it in the town you live in. Not sure how much difference banning sales would be if cannabis products are easily acquired in other locations nearby anyway. If families are so incapable on their own that they need complete protection and isolation from what is happening in the world around them in order to teach their children and family members how to make good decisions and not abuse drugs then there is something wrong.	9/21/2019 10:35 AM
268	Selling drugs. That's what you come up? Let's focus first on making woodridge schools 10/10 before selling drugs.	9/21/2019 10:23 AM
269	Keep cannabis out of Woodridge!	9/21/2019 9:29 AM
270	Please invite any business into Woodridge that will help our tax base. We are hurting and I see this as a great possible source of tax income because Naperville is not participating and we can absorb the Naperville residents.	9/21/2019 9:15 AM
271	Naperville and Bolingbrook have opted out. Wheaton is also likely. This will not stop use by their constituents, it only reduces the tax revenue available to them. I believe this is a great opportunity to reduce residents' tax burden with little to no harm to the community whatsoever.	9/21/2019 9:06 AM
272	I am a Marine Corps combat veteran with PTSD. I strongly support the use and sale of THC because I have seen first hand the benefits for those who need it. Support for it is support for those who need it. SFMF	9/21/2019 8:31 AM
273	excellent opportunity for tax money	9/21/2019 8:01 AM
274	Once cannabis is approved, we will see our crime rates rise!! Proof in Colorado!!	9/21/2019 6:32 AM
275	It's better than booze and will bring in tons of tax dollars!	9/21/2019 6:30 AM
276	Should not be allowed in Woodridge. The police and Fire departments have enough to do.	9/20/2019 11:46 PM
277	Approve it before Bolingbrook does!!	9/20/2019 10:29 PM
278	We don't need all the problems that come with cannabis. Legalizing it in order to reap tax revenue is a short-sighted decision and not in the best interests of this community, the state, or the nation.	9/20/2019 10:16 PM
279	i don't want woodridge to become these substances, and bring unwanted elements into the community.	9/20/2019 10:13 PM
280	We live in the southwest quadrant of Woodridge and we have enough of Naperville residents whipping through here just to get to I355. It would be 10x worse with all their residents coming here to consume cannabis so they didnt tarnish their ciry image. Driving under the influence is going to be our worst nightmare and we strongly oppose public use within the village limits.	9/20/2019 9:40 PM
281	Should be treated like alcohol, legal but closely monitored	9/20/2019 9:37 PM
282	I am strongly for medical use only. I have apprehension about having a growing facility as I believe it would bring the wrong type of people, traffic, and crime into the area. And we already have enough shoplifting. And we are dealing with the vaping issues in our schools.	9/20/2019 9:20 PM
283	Manufacturing-type businesses that grow or extract/infuse cannabis are fine, but a retail dispensary would change the cultural expectation of what youth in Woodridge see as normal. And I don't want youth to see marijuana use as normal. The world has enough problems with drugs -- we don't need to add another.	9/20/2019 9:04 PM
284	These programs have been successful nationwide with minimal, factual disruption to the community. As a community lacking a strong commercial tax base, we could use other funding streams.	9/20/2019 7:50 PM
285	I believe cannabis and all of the services related to it would bring much revenue to the village.	9/20/2019 7:46 PM
286	Bring it on	9/20/2019 7:43 PM
287	Seems like a good way to bring businesses to Woodridge. I think it's a great idea.	9/20/2019 7:40 PM
288	Woodridge should take advantage of the tax revenue from this new opportunity. For sure neighboring villages will.	9/20/2019 7:12 PM

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289	I don't smoke, but strongly support allowing these types of business to operate in town.	9/20/2019 7:07 PM
290	Can any one of the facilities be closed if it becomes a problem?	9/20/2019 7:02 PM
291	I believe cannabis should be available to adults - 21 years and older, with proof of identity.	9/20/2019 7:01 PM
292	While I agree with using cannabis for medical reasons I am against using it for recreation unless you are at home and cannot affect the public. Cannabis changes the chemicals in your brain which can affect decision making capabilities.	9/20/2019 6:47 PM
293	We don't need another "addiction" in our community. Too many distractions etc. if approved. Keeping our small community safe, should be are number 1 concern.	9/20/2019 6:29 PM
294	Really? Drug use is at an all time high! People are over using weed & then going onto higher more potent drugs. Stop using & promoting any drug use now!	9/20/2019 6:13 PM
295	There have been no long-range studies, that I am aware of, that detail the habitual use of cannabis. Until we know the answer to that, I see no reason to support it's use or retail in Woodridge. I wonder what "driving under the influence of cannabis" will entail and will police officers have a tool to detect it.	9/20/2019 6:11 PM
296	If anything would be allowed, a manufacturing facility paying taxes to Woodridge would be the most acceptable to me.	9/20/2019 6:00 PM
297	Sell the old Wilton property for cultivation and establish a dispensary there. If Woodridge doesn't do it, some other town will and they will get the tax revenue not us!	9/20/2019 5:35 PM
298	Tax revenue to boost infrastructure, education and other needs	9/20/2019 5:35 PM
299	Tax revenue to put back into the education system and other infrastructure needs.	9/20/2019 5:34 PM
300	Revenue source that can be used to give back to the community. I'd love for revenue to be used to make my specific subdivision, the highlands, better with buried lines and drains to remove standing water in backyards.	9/20/2019 5:30 PM
301	I think it would be a great opportunity to create new jobs and new business opportunities and that would also develop new revenue streams for the Village to fund its ongoing projects and enhance public services in the future. It is also a great opportunity because neighboring communities (e.g. Naperville) are declining to allow cannabis establishments in their cities so Woodridge could snatch up market share which would boost opportunities and revenues even more.	9/20/2019 5:01 PM
302	Another law passed in the State of Illinois that I strongly disagree with. The city of Naperville has already banned dispensaries. I would like to see Woodridge do the same to that and any cafes or places of consumption. If there are private businesses that want to come to woodridge for cultivation or manufacturing that's fine. As a parent with young children, I would like to limit my children's exposure to marijuana, at least in our hometown if possible. Just because something is recently made legal doesn't make it right.	9/20/2019 4:49 PM
303	This is a great opportunity to benefit our community by allowing new businesses in Woodridge.	9/20/2019 4:41 PM
304	Usage on Parks, School Parking lots, Outside restaurants, and Festivals.	9/20/2019 4:31 PM
305	Whether or not the Village permits any of the businesses and activities listed in question 2, all will occur in the area. The only issue is whether we permit it within the Village. I strongly support permitting all of these activities because it permits the Village to realize revenue from them. This situation is no different from permitting businesses to sell/serve liquor or brewers. Some people may oppose cannabis on moral grounds, just as others oppose alcohol. I respect their choices, but it is unethical for them to impose their choices on others. Please stand up to the self-righteous moralizers.	9/20/2019 4:25 PM
306	I don't see any issues with this. If it's regulated and legal, it's no different than a bar that serves alcohol. It's all tax dollars towards the town in the end.	9/20/2019 4:24 PM
307	Village of Woodridge, do not allow cannabis of any kind, person, place or thing. The only exception would be persons in severe pain.	9/20/2019 4:22 PM
308	I support the use of this new law to inject revenue into our community.	9/20/2019 4:20 PM
309	The village needs to be open-minded. This will generate much needed revenue to the village. If you don't take advantage of it you are just going to lose that money to surrounding municipalities.	9/20/2019 3:31 PM
310	Please restrict the Cell manufacturing distribution of cannabis	9/20/2019 2:50 PM

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311	The village should oppose cannabis in every aspect as much as it does cigarette smoking and vaping. It boggles the mind to think that our state legislature and Governor support this when they fight tobacco on every front. While cannabis does not contain nicotine, it is as addictive as tobacco and worse for your lungs since the individual smoking it keeps it in their lungs as long as they can. The disaster that this will cause down the road will far outweigh any short-term fiscal help through the collection of taxes. The last thing Woodridge needs is more impaired drivers on our roads, especially when the state has no idea how to determine what level of THC is safe for you to drive. Please oppose the establishment of cannabis dispensaries, cultivation center, manufacturing facilities and smoke lounges. Help save us, our children and the village!	9/20/2019 2:43 PM
312	I think that all cannabis businesses should have the same restrictions as liquor and tobacco shops. If we model off what Colorado has done, with an armed guard and all IDs are scanned to ensure that only a certain amount is purchased per person per specific amount of time, this can be a great way to generate tax dollars as well as provide a product to the public.	9/20/2019 2:41 PM
313	Woodridge residents that want to use cannabis legally will be able to do it regardless of whether it's sold in Woodridge, so why not get the tax benefits that come from sales? And police/crime presence will not be affected nearly as much as it is by alcohol	9/20/2019 2:27 PM
314	Please do not let towns like Naperville negatively influence the progressive nature Woodridge has. I want to remain proud of my town, and following in Naperville's misguided and regressive footsteps will accomplish nothing but a loss of revenue. The tax revenue alone from recreational marijuana could make a huge difference in our town. Using "our children" or "health effects" as an excuse to ban it, are just that: an excuse. Sales and use will be limited to adults, similar to alcohol. Banning the sale and use of marijuana will be a huge misstep by the village of Woodridge. We need to look to the future, not get tediously stuck in the past.	9/20/2019 2:12 PM
315	I fully support the many benefits this will bring to our community. The taxes collected from this industry could greatly benefit the school districts and Village as a whole. Bringing additional industries to the already booming International Parkway would be fantastic for residents.	9/20/2019 1:09 PM
316	I have not seen anything good come from cannabis use.	9/20/2019 12:46 PM
317	I fully support the legal, safe, regulated manufacturing, use, sale and dispensing of recreational and medicinal marijuana in the Village of Woodridge and in the State of Illinois. The tax benefit alone should be enough reason to allow residents and business owners to participate the state's decision to make recreational marijuana legal. Let the Village of Woodridge be the stand out in a radius of bans (Bolingbrook, Naperville, possibly Downers Grove) and reap the benefits of their bans. I feel we can provide a safe, functional, profitable atmosphere for users and sellers alike. Thank you for considering this and hopefully for allowing this to happen in our town!	9/20/2019 12:19 PM
318	Too many strip mall locations with empty stores... let the dispensaries occupy them.	9/20/2019 12:11 PM
319	Woodridge is full of shuttered business. We can fill empty spots and create jobs. Whether it is approved or not, cannabis will be in the village, just as it is now I'm sure. Fill vacancies, create jobs & put the 3% municipale tax toward our infrastructure. It's a no brainer. It's less damaging then the alcohol being sold in stores and restaurants that are already in the village.	9/20/2019 12:10 PM
320	I believe that there is a legitimate need for Cannabis for medical use. I guess it is better than a bunch of drunks driving on the streets. It will be good for food venues in the village.	9/20/2019 12:09 PM
321	With the strip mall on 75th empty this could help spike revenue and also add jobs to the community. This will also reduce illegal drug dealing in the community. Just need to ensure kids don't get their hands in it. Same with alcohol	9/20/2019 12:07 PM
322	Having safe and legal places in Woodridge to grow, utilize, sell, and use marijuana can help keep Woodridge residents who choose to use it safer, create jobs and opportunities for residents, and keep sales local.	9/20/2019 12:03 PM
323	Please do not allow this in our community.	9/20/2019 12:01 PM
324	This should be treated the same as alcohol use and sales.	9/20/2019 11:59 AM
325	This will bring revenue to the community!	9/20/2019 11:53 AM
326	Please do not allow them in Woodridge	9/20/2019 11:47 AM
327	As a Physician and father living in the community, I could not be more opposed to having Cannabis in our community. Please do not allow its sale in our village.	9/20/2019 11:38 AM



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328	I view this as opening a Pandora's box. We can't keep alcohol and cigarettes out of the hands of minors. What makes us think we can do this with cannabis? I support its medical use, especially for cancer or terminal patients, as well as CBD oil, but not the recreational use for a high.	9/20/2019 10:08 AM
329	I believe if located in the ideal location like remotely or industrial area that the benefits may be good for the village. Regardless it's going to happen nearby, so may as well take advantage of it initially.	9/20/2019 9:54 AM

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## VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE

**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Board of Trustees  
Joseph Kagann, Village Clerk  
Eric Patt, Village Attorney

**FROM:** Peggy Halik, Assistant Village Administrator

**THROUGH:** Al Stonitsch, Village Administrator

**SUBJECT: Adult-Use Cannabis Workshop**

**DATE:** September 30, 2019

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### **PURPOSE AND ACTION REQUESTED:**

This workshop is being held to provide an opportunity to receive public comment on the possible prohibition or allowance of retail sales of Cannabis in Woodridge and to establish next steps for the Board to consider and take action.

### **BACKGROUND:**

On June 25, 2019, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker signed the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (CRTA) into law. The CRTA goes into effect on January 1, 2020. This law legalizes and regulates the production, consumption, and sale of recreational cannabis in Illinois. The CRTA allows Illinois residents over the age of 21 to possess and *privately* use recreational cannabis in limited quantities; however, use of cannabis in *public* places is prohibited. The State of Illinois legalized the production, consumption, and sale of medical cannabis in Illinois as of January 1, 2014.

While municipalities cannot ban or override the CRTA, they can enforce related local ordinances consistent with the Act, such as violations for consumption in public places, schools, etc. Moreover, the CRTA allows Illinois municipalities to choose whether they will allow ("opt in") or prohibit ("opt out") the local retail sale of adult-use cannabis by businesses within their jurisdiction.

#### **The choice to opt out**

Municipalities may choose to opt out, or prohibit, adult-use cannabis businesses. If a municipality chooses to opt out, it may adopt and enforce local ordinances to regulate the possession, public consumption, cultivation, growing, processing, dispensing, and transporting of adult-use cannabis as long as the regulations and penalties are consistent with the CRTA.

#### **The choice to opt in**

Municipalities may choose to opt in, or permit, adult-use cannabis businesses. By opting in, municipalities may enact zoning ordinances and regulations that designate the time,

place, manner, and number of cannabis business operations. This would also include requiring minimum distances not only between cannabis business locations, but also between cannabis business locations and certain types of other businesses throughout the municipality. Additionally, municipalities have authority over whether on premise consumption is allowed.

In addition, municipalities that opt in may impose a Municipal Purchase Excise Tax on adult-use cannabis products of up to 3% of the purchase price. The taxes imposed under the CRTA are in addition to all other taxes imposed by the municipality and State of Illinois.

As a result of the new State legislation, the consumption of cannabis as of January 1, 2020, will be treated similarly to that of the consumption of alcohol with any Illinois resident, or non-resident, 21 or over, now being able to purchase and consume cannabis. Illinois residents may possess up to:

- 30 grams, or just over one ounce of "flower"
- 5 grams of cannabis concentrate
- 500 milligrams of THC - the chemical that makes users high – in a cannabis infused product such as gummies, candy, other consumable products (referred to as "edibles"), or tinctures, and lotions
- Non-Illinois residents may legally possess up to ½ of these amounts.

Any person, business, public entity, or landlord may prohibit the use of cannabis on private property. Home Grow Cannabis will be limited to authorized medical cannabis participants and is limited to five plants.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Village Board began learning about the CRTA at a Study Session on September 5, 2019. The Village Board indicated their desire to hear from the Woodridge community on their thoughts and opinions on retail sales of adult-use cannabis. This October 3 workshop was scheduled to provide one avenue to receive public comment. The Board also directed staff to initiate a public information effort to educate residents on the new implications of the new law and to seek input through a variety of sources.

An E-News article and webpage, [www.vil.woodridge.il.us/cannabis](http://www.vil.woodridge.il.us/cannabis) were developed to share FAQ's (Attachment 1), the September 5, 2019 presentation to the Village Board, and staff memorandums that touch on different implications of the legislation.

Opportunities for input were provided through:

- Online Survey
- Paper surveys located at Village Hall and the Woodridge Public Library
- Village Facebook and Nextdoor accounts
- Public Comment e-mail
- Verbal Comments on Voicemail message at 630-719-4901
- Paper surveys distributed to the Golden Years, Woodridge Horizons, and Cedarhurst
- Notification of the Workshop on the marquees at Town Centre and 75<sup>th</sup> Street

### On-line & Paper Surveys

The results of the on-line and paper surveys to date are provided in Attachment 2. In total, 265 responses have been submitted. In answering the question about retail sales, 67% of those responding to the on-line surveys (of which 240 were received) strongly supported or somewhat supported retail sales, with 33% strongly or somewhat opposed. Conversely, the paper surveys (of which there were 25) included approximately 60% strongly opposed or somewhat opposed and 39% who strongly or somewhat supported retail sales.

The surveys also provided the opportunity to provide written comments. Eleven comments were included in the paper survey comments, with eight generally opposed and three supportive of retail sales. The electronic survey included 131 comments, with comments opposed focusing on an opposition to the legalization of cannabis and that allowing retail sales will send a message of implicit support for cannabis use. Those supportive of retail sales have generally focused their comments on the economic development and revenue opportunities for the Village. The comments are included in Attachment 3.

### Facebook & Nextdoor

Attachment 4 includes the comments from Facebook. The post reached 1,560 people and included 26 comments and 9 shares. The comments were evenly split between those who support retail sales and those who do not.

There were no comments generated on the Nextdoor post.

### Electronic & Voicemail Public Comment

One response was submitted to the electronic public comment (Attachment 5). There have been no message left on the voicemail box.

## **WORKSHOP FORMAT**

### Staff Presentation

At the workshop, staff will present an overview of the law and its impact on Woodridge, the position that other communities have taken, if any, on the allowance or prohibition of retail sales (Attachment 6 – neighboring community Darien has voted to allow sales, while Naperville and Bolingbrook have voted to prohibit it, Lisle is likely to prohibit it, and Downers Grove has not yet given final direction), the policy and zoning issues before the Board, taxation under the CRTA and revenue estimates if retail sales were allowed, and the law enforcement impact of the CRTA regardless of whether retail sales are allowed or not. Chief Cunningham has provided an analysis of the cannabis impact in comparable Colorado cities (Attachment 7).

It will be explained that the Board is taking public comment on October 3 and may have some initial discussion, but is not taking any action that evening. The Board will continue to gather input and research through the end of the month. The Board will not be discussing this topic at the October 17 meeting because there will be two Board members who are unable to attend that meeting. The topic is expected to next be raised at the November 7 Board Meeting with potential action at the November 21 meeting.

### Public Comment

Following the presentation, the Board will invite members of the public to provide their comments. Comments are limited to three minutes. The comments and any responses will be compiled by staff and shared with the public so that all residents see the same information.

### Board Discussion & Next Steps

Following the staff presentation and public comment, the Mayor will invite Board members to share their questions and comments, questions, and/or follow up needed on this topic.

As has been discussed, the Board has the ability to prohibit or allow retail recreational dispensaries, indoor cultivation centers, manufacturing facilities for extraction/infusion, and/or on-site consumption. Additionally, the Board has the ability to place a moratorium on the above. December 31 is the theoretical deadline to have either a prohibition in place or zoning specifying what and where the use is allowed. The threat that comes with not having one or the other of these restrictions in place by that time is that a licensed retailer might argue that the use(s) is allowed in all zoning districts since it is not specifically prohibited. It is suggested that the Board target the November 21 Board meeting to take action on cannabis. Three options are discussed below on possible Board action.

#### ***Option 1***

Prohibit retail recreational dispensaries, indoor cultivation centers, manufacturing facilities for extraction/infusion, and on-site consumption

Direction Needed: Direct staff to prepare ordinance prohibiting.

#### ***Option 2***

Allow any or all of the following

- Retail recreational dispensaries
- Indoor cultivation centers
- Manufacturing facilities for extraction/infusion

Direction Needed: Allowance of any or all of these three uses would require a zoning change and therefore would need to be sent to the Plan Commission for a public hearing and recommendation. It would be appropriate for the Board to give the Plan Commission a sense of the Board's preferences in terms of where these uses might be allowed. If the Board supported retail dispensaries, the Plan Commission would need to know if there was a preference for or against on-site consumption.

Finally, the Board would need to direct staff to bring back an ordinance allowing the use, subject to the Village Board's action on the Plan Commission recommendation and establishing up to a 3% local tax on retail sales.

#### ***Option 3***

A third option is for the Board to place a moratorium on the use in order to see how the impact of the law plays out and before making any determination to allow or prohibit. It is recommended that such a moratorium be no longer than six months.

Direction Needed: Direct staff to prepare an ordinance placing a six-month moratorium on the use, effective January 1, 2019.

A potential schedule could look as follows:

- October 3: Workshop to receive public comment. Board discussion, but no action.
- Remainder of October: Gather additional public comment and any follow up required to inform Board action on this topic.
- November 7: Provide staff direction on ordinances to bring to the November 21 meeting.
- November 21: Take action on an ordinance to allow, prohibit, or place a moratorium on retail recreational dispensaries, indoor cultivation centers, manufacturing facilities for extraction/infusion, and/or on-site consumption.

**BUDGET:** N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:** No action required.

Attachments

1. FAQs
2. Survey Results
3. Survey Comments
4. Facebook Comments
5. Email Public Comment
6. Cannabis Ordinance by Community
7. Chief Cunningham Memo - Analysis of the Cannabis Impact in Comparable Colorado Cities

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **When was cannabis made legal in Illinois?**

On June 25, 2019, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker signed the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (CRTA) into law. The CRTA goes into effect on January 1, 2020. This law legalizes and regulates the production, consumption, and sale of adult use cannabis in Illinois.

The CRTA allows Illinois residents over the age of 21 to possess and *privately* use recreational cannabis in limited quantities; however, use of cannabis in *public* places is prohibited. The State of Illinois legalized the production, consumption, and sale of medical cannabis in Illinois as of January 1, 2014.

### **Can the consumption/possession of cannabis be banned by a local municipality like Woodridge?**

No, municipalities cannot ban or override the CRTA. However, they can enforce related local ordinances consistent with the Act, such as violations for consumption in public places, schools, etc.

### **What does the law allow municipalities to do?**

The CRTA allows Illinois municipalities to choose whether they will allow (“opt in”) or prohibit (“opt out”) the local retail sale of adult-use cannabis by businesses within their jurisdiction.

#### **The choice to opt out**

Municipalities may choose to opt out, or prohibit, adult use cannabis businesses. If a municipality chooses to opt out, it may adopt and enforce local ordinances to regulate the possession, public consumption, cultivation, growing, processing, dispensing, and transporting of adult use cannabis as long as the regulations and penalties are consistent with the CRTA.

#### **The choice to opt in**

Municipalities may choose to opt in, or permit, adult-use cannabis businesses. By opting in, municipalities may enact zoning ordinances and regulations that designate the time, place, manner, and number of cannabis business operations. This would also include requiring minimum distances not only between cannabis business locations, but also between cannabis business locations and certain types of other businesses throughout the municipality. Additionally, municipalities have authority over whether on premise use is allowed.

In addition, municipalities that opt in may impose a Municipal Purchase Excise Tax on adult use cannabis products of up to 3% of the purchase price. The taxes imposed under the CRTA are in addition to all other taxes imposed by the municipality and State of Illinois.

**Who can legally purchase and consume cannabis?**

As a result of the new State legislation, the consumption of cannabis as of January 1, 2020, will be treated similarly to that of the consumption of alcohol with any Illinois resident, or non-resident, 21 or over, now being able to purchase and consume cannabis.

**How much cannabis may an individual possess?**

Illinois residents may possess up to:

- 30 grams, or just over one ounce of “flower”
- 5 grams of cannabis concentrate
- 500 milligrams of THC - the chemical that makes users high – in a cannabis infused product such as gummies, candy, other consumable products (referred to as “edibles”), or tinctures, and lotions
- Non-Illinois residents may legally possess up to ½ of these amounts.

**What regulatory abilities, if any, do business owners and landlords have?**

Any person, business, public entity, or landlord may prohibit the use of cannabis on private property.

**What is allowed under the Home Grow provision?**

Home Grow Cannabis will be limited to authorized medical cannabis participants and is limited to five plants.



# ADULT USE CANNABIS SURVEY RESULTS

To what extent do you support or oppose the following types of cannabis establishments in Woodridge

Survey Monkey	Strongly Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	Strongly Support	Neutral	Total
Retail Recreational Dispensaries	31%	74	2%	4	7%	16	60%	143
Indoor Cultivation Centers	25%	61	5%	12	14%	33	50%	121
Manufacturing Facilities for Extraction/Infusion	27%	64	4%	10	13%	32	49%	117
Cannabis Cafe/Smoke Lounge (on-site consumption)	35%	84	7%	16	13%	31	39%	93

Library	Strongly Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	Strongly Support	Neutral	Total
Retail Recreational Dispensaries	58%	7	0%	0	8%	1	33%	4
Indoor Cultivation Centers	67%	8	0%	0	17%	2	17%	2
Manufacturing Facilities for Extraction/Infusion	67%	8	8%	1	0%	0	25%	3
Cannabis Cafe/Smoke Lounge (on-site consumption)	67%	8	0%	0	0%	0	33%	4

Golden Years	Strongly Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	Strongly Support	Neutral	Total
Retail Recreational Dispensaries	62%	8	0%	0	8%	1	31%	4
Indoor Cultivation Centers	54%	7	0%	0	8%	1	8%	1
Manufacturing Facilities for Extraction/Infusion	54%	7	0%	0	31%	4	0%	0
Cannabis Cafe/Smoke Lounge (on-site consumption)	54%	7	8%	1	15%	2	8%	1

All Responses	Strongly Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Oppose	Somewhat Support	Support	Strongly Support	Neutral	Total
Retail Recreational Dispensaries	34%	89	2%	4	7%	18	57%	151
Indoor Cultivation Centers	29%	76	5%	12	14%	36	47%	124
Manufacturing Facilities for Extraction/Infusion	30%	79	4%	11	14%	36	45%	120
Cannabis Cafe/Smoke Lounge (on-site consumption)	37%	99	6%	17	12%	33	37%	98

### Q3 What comments, concerns, or suggestions do you have for the Village Board? Responses will be shared with the Village Board.

Answered: 132 Skipped: 112

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	As you can see from my responses, I am opposed to anything having to do with cannabis in Woodridge. Too bad it is allowed in Illinois. Why anyone thinks this is a good idea is beyond me. While the law compares cannabis to alcohol, evidently the state legislators haven't noticed the amount of DUI arrests that occur, the amount of accidents where a driver is DUI. I think the legislators see only dollar signs. We can't control what goes on in the rest of the state, but the Village of Woodridge can control what is allowed in Woodridge. Except for medical use, I totally oppose any Cannabis-related use in our village. It will be interesting to see how the Village Board processes this.	9/30/2019 10:08 AM
2	I request to ban the commercial sale and cultivation of cannabis in my loved Woodridge. The reasons are: 1) easier access will potentially cause issues in community safety, real estate value drop, and reputation of our city; 2). impact our next generation in a negative way. Thanks!	9/30/2019 8:47 AM
3	No cannabis usage any where in the village	9/30/2019 5:07 AM
4	if for medicinal purposes agree it is needed	9/29/2019 5:30 PM
5	I have grave concerns for the safety of our youth. Both dispensaries and smoke lounges have a history of marketing to youth under 21 and I'm sure this will have a profound negative effect on our community. Marijuana is addictive and it is a gateway drug.	9/28/2019 2:50 PM
6	Let's balance our exposure & involvement with our neighboring towns. Don't be super opposed or super engaged. Also, maybe it's best to WAIT to see how other towns are affected before we jump in.	9/28/2019 12:40 PM
7	Excellent source of tax revenue.	9/28/2019 12:40 PM
8	We must come together and say YES to allowing adults to make adult choices- just as we do for alcohol. There is no legal cannabis location currently in the works to be opening in our Village. NONE. Only medical dispensaries have authority to decide whether they wish to also have a separate area for legal non-medicinal use, and NONE of those locations are in Woodridge and NONE of the medical dispensaries as of now have expressed any interest in coming to Woodridge. I know 8 people who are in chronic pain for a number of reasons and they all use or have-used HEROIN to fight the pain. Those of whom are still alive, less than 50% of them, have successfully defeated opioid addiction by using medical cannabis to keep the pain at bay. No one will be allowed to smoke in public or drive high, as the state-wide legislation clearly states. I don't see people at board meetings demanding we shut-down all the alcohol sales, even though cannabis has a death toll of ZERO whereas alcohol takes thousands of lives annually. This is not about kids smoking a joint on the playground- which was never legal and still will not be. This is about people with horrible conditions who use cannabis products in the comfort of their own homes away from public view in order to alleviate their symptoms of suffering. If you think this is about kids having easier access to pot, you are NOT in ANY way familiar with the ordinance that Woodridge is considering. I can literally buy pot on the street anytime anywhere. Dealers are just going to increase in numbers in places where fear-mongering folk think they're "doing the right thing." Shame on everyone who didn't even read about this and who thinks their "no" vote is protecting ANYONE. It isn't. You are only harming those adults who are already suffering and don't want to be prescribed powerful and addicting drugs by the pharmaceutical industry. VOTE YES to help your neighbors steer clear of painkillers and hard drugs.	9/28/2019 9:30 AM
9	If sales are allowed are the taxes going to be.I decrease or increase? What does data show about safety of living around the area where sales are allowed? Accidents? Crime? Theft? Where would the dispensaries and cafe shops be placed? Location/distances from schools, parks and local kids hangout areas?	9/28/2019 7:26 AM
10	We need to move ahead with cannabis to open it up to research. We have wasted too much time keeping cannabis illegal when we know it has valuable medicinal purposes. It is much better to have the industry regulated than to leave people to the mercy of the black market.	9/28/2019 5:49 AM

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11	Don't delay the inevitable. The time has come	9/28/2019 2:57 AM
12	Raising small children, I don't want them to see cannabis stores all over the town. It just brings another issue that kids shouldn't deal with to light enough that I will need to have heavier conversations with my 6 and 3 year old than if there weren't businesses in our town. There will be plenty of places to buy it around Illinois, I would just prefer those that partake have to leave Woodridge to obtain it.	9/27/2019 2:58 PM
13	good source of tax revenue.	9/27/2019 2:29 PM
14	I am the father of two teenagers and this new legalization absolutely scares the heck out of me. I am envious of the town of Naperville's Stance against dispensaries and hope that we will follow their lead.	9/27/2019 1:48 PM
15	I am fine with medical dispensaries for patients who have been prescribed cannabis for medical purposes by a physician.	9/27/2019 1:08 PM
16	Let's not miss out on this opportunity especially in light of Naperville's decision to pass. Responsible adult usage has many exceptional health benefits. Let's not make Woodridge residents go to another municipality and spend our tax dollars there.	9/27/2019 10:03 AM
17	If there are retail/cafe spaces I would hope they would be clean, well designed spaces.	9/27/2019 5:14 AM
18	I believe that cannabis is less dangerous than alcohol and that in time it will be viewed as a better alternative.	9/26/2019 12:28 PM
19	It is a legal good that vendors should be able to sell.	9/26/2019 12:00 PM
20	The village board should strongly consider the use of adult use cannabis for dispensaries, cultivation, manufacturing, and smoke lounges. Many of the towns surrounding the village have chose not to allow sales in any way. By allowing this we would be able to benefit at having up to a 3% tax on the sales of the product. Though the school, park and library district are separate taxing bodies it would benefit the village and potentially not raising taxes. I would prevent the sale around liquor stores, schools, parks, etc. And I would zone an area away from those locations by at least 2000 ft if possible.	9/26/2019 10:26 AM
21	If we do not allow more legally run cannabis retails stores we will be allowing the community to legally possess illegal products they are buying off the street. Legal possession begins Jan 2020, we may as well be allowing those in the community to possess safe products that are state regulated.	9/26/2019 6:46 AM
22	I vote yes to cannabis dispensaries, cultivation, and manufacturing facilities! The excise taxes and sales taxes that would be collected from the dispensaries and cultivation centers have the potential to provide Woodridge with some great opportunities to stay out of debt, while continuing to keep Woodridge a wonderful place to live! It would be a shame not to capitalize on the decision of surrounding suburbs to decline these sales. Money from cannabis can improve our schools, help us keep our parks and green space in excellent shape, and allow for additional community events and development.	9/25/2019 10:45 AM
23	What testing will be done on those stopped and/or involved in a driving moving violation/traffic accident within our area or village? As a family friendly village I do not want Woodridge to encourage use of recreational marijuana at all. I do not feel the tax revenue is worth the cost to the village.	9/25/2019 9:00 AM
24	cannabis is a drug that will lead to more potent drugs it should not be sold anywhere in the village of woodridge except for medical use prescribed by a license doctor.	9/25/2019 8:18 AM
25	As a long-time Woodridge resident, the only type of cannabis establishment that I have some concern with is the "Cannabis Cafe/Smoke Lounge" because I see that as having the potential to be the most problematic for our police force. Furthermore, I have several friends and relatives who are legally using medical cannabis to help them with their conditions and treatments (chemotherapy, migraines, etc.). Opting in will provide them with a retail alternative which would generate tax revenue for the Village of Woodridge. I believe it would be a win-win scenario.	9/25/2019 6:07 AM
26	Will bring in extra tax revenue	9/25/2019 5:54 AM
27	This is an illegal substance no matter what law is passed to make it legal. Please stop chasing \$\$\$\$, no money is worth the problems that this will bring to the community and its residents.	9/25/2019 4:33 AM

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28	It is ironic that with all the push back on drug abuse that is happening now, we have a legal method to become addicted and open the door for more serious problems. Marijuana, especially today's more potent varieties is still a gateway drug. There is no way to determine safe usage as it applies to operating cars, heavy machinery or performing jobs/tasks that require one's full concentration. The risks do not outweigh the benefits of any tax revenue it might bring.	9/25/2019 3:12 AM
29	With other suburbs turning dispensaries away, I believe that this another opportunity for Woodridge to take the lead as they had with the industrial parks no one wanted. Colorado has done a very good job with their's They have well regulated and well run shops with almost no problems. Most naysayers have no problems with all the alcohol that's sold everywhere but cry wolf to a few dipensaries.	9/25/2019 2:26 AM
30	If this is voted in then that tells us that you care more about taxes than you do the citizens of this village.	9/25/2019 12:45 AM
31	The only reason it was ever illegal was because the Big Pharmaceutical companies knew how healing cannabis is, and they did not want the competition. I support edibles more than smoking, because of the harshness of breathing in smoke, and the smell it leaves behind. One thing that Colorado law enforcement learned after legalizing, was that violent crime went way down, and that people high on cannabis alone were a lot more cooperative that those full of alcohol. Also check out LEAP.org. It stands for Law Enforcement Against Prohibition. They sure do make a lot of sense. Thank you for the survey!	9/24/2019 10:36 PM
32	I think the legalization of recreational cannabis provides the Village with an opportunity for additional revenue, especially since nearby communities such as Naperville will not be opening retail locations. Speaking personally, I welcome a way to purchase legally and from a reputable source and am willing to pay the additional taxes. In terms of consumption, I adhere to the same rules as I do with alcohol: I don't drink in situations that may put myself or others in danger (when I have to drive, in non-restaurant/bar/event areas, etc.) and it's the same with cannabis consumption. I understand that it is way more difficult to test for cannabis DUI, and so I'm neutral on having areas for on-site consumption.	9/24/2019 7:18 AM
33	I feel that cannabis production and dispensing should be treated similarly to alcohol. As a child of the 60's and 70's, I'm looking forward to this new legislation!	9/24/2019 5:27 AM
34	Don't pass up this money	9/24/2019 1:52 AM
35	Be Pro Cannabis.	9/23/2019 11:37 AM
36	Let's do this!	9/23/2019 9:55 AM
37	Why swim against the tide? Cannabis use is widely accepted by the pubic. Woodridge needs the revenue.	9/23/2019 9:33 AM
38	As long as it's regulated just like alcohol would be, why not have a great revenue builder?	9/23/2019 7:19 AM
39	I personally have never used Cannabis. That being said I am not opposed to it or the use of it in your own residence or a friends residence. I don't feel that we need to provide a place for it to be used.	9/23/2019 5:19 AM
40	Based on research data (I have a PhD in biomedical sciences), I don't believe marijuana is anywhere near as benign as people make it out to be.	9/23/2019 4:07 AM
41	Woodridge is a beautiful and responsible place to live and would hate for it to be tainted by the sale and cultivation of cannabis. Instead of cultivating cannibas let us continue to cultivate environmentally safe trees as our city name projects. Do not pollute our air, minds and bodies with yet another carcinogen. Thank you	9/23/2019 1:16 AM
42	I lived in Woodridge for over 30 years, my mom lived there for over 50 years, and I still work there. For those of us who suffer from chronic pain - in my case, Fibromyalgia and Rheumatoid Arthritis - we've been hearing for years from others in our situation who live in states with legalized marijuana, and how they've gotten pain relief from THC. You sell liquor at various locations in Woodridge and don't have drunks congregating on street corners. Do you really fear that if businesses sell cannabis, you'll have people who are high gathering outside your strip malls??? If people can't buy it in Woodridge, they'll buy it in the next town, and Woodridge will miss out on the revenue. Seems like you'll just be cutting off your nose to spite your face...	9/22/2019 7:06 PM
43	We should lead the crowd on what will be valuable growth and revenue for the village.	9/22/2019 5:05 PM

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44	Recreational cannabis, like alcohol, is just another way for people to avoid dealing with their internal problems & emotional pain. Instead of getting to the core of their issues and dealing with them head on, they escape them with alcohol and drugs, becoming a weaker person each time. This in turn makes society as a whole weaker. We don't need any of this in Woodridge.	9/22/2019 4:54 PM
45	It seems our industrial areas would be a good fit for cultivation/ manufacturing. If it's going to happen within the state why not take advantage of the tax revenue.	9/22/2019 11:14 AM
46	Living in a condo, we already have issues with people smoking marijuana in common areas which makes the entire building smell. Can there be some sort of association bylaw that says where people can smoke on the property?	9/22/2019 9:44 AM
47	There is tax money to be made by getting into this at the ground floor	9/22/2019 9:34 AM
48	Drugs attract crime	9/22/2019 8:49 AM
49	I have no problem with medical cannabis, however do not want to see Woodridge promoting recreational use by supporting the sale or manufacture in town.	9/22/2019 8:40 AM
50	Cannabis use will create nothing but problems for our society in general. Increased accidents on the road & the workplace. Implementing such laws just for a revenue stream is not in the best interest of anyone.	9/22/2019 8:09 AM
51	Cannabis consumption has safety risks for non-users ranging from smoke allergies to driving infractions which outweigh the mere enjoyment of an impaired mental state by users.	9/22/2019 6:27 AM
52	Woodridge should get a license now when they are much easier to obtain.	9/22/2019 4:33 AM
53	Small problems create big problems	9/22/2019 4:10 AM
54	Opting in for cannabis will cause more problems for the village. There are other means to treat illness and legalizing this in our village can cause harm, crime and more temptatiin to our vulnerable teenagers. Our school district is not even able to solve bullying more so to add cannabis out in the open. I want to remain in Woodridge and don't wish the village to take part in this.	9/22/2019 2:44 AM
55	With Naperville opting out and Lisle on the verge of doing the same. I think it is an opportunity Woodridge cannot afford to lose. The argument that cannabis somehow destroys the Family nature of a community and lead to more crime is BUNK! Cannabis use has been going on here for years with little notice. Help give the taxpayers a break for a change.	9/22/2019 2:04 AM
56	Really not a fan of pot smoking in public areas, what people do behind closed doors is their business, dont like the smell of pot and concerned about going out in public and having to smell that smoke	9/22/2019 1:56 AM
57	Woodridge has high property taxes, empty warehouse and retail space we need this,as long as this income doesn't go towards salary increases for teacher, police, firemen or local government employees. Your pay is currently higher then the corp norm. STOP giving yourself raises and due something for the woodridge residence like lowet property taxes. This decision needs to benefit the residence for once. Our resident streets are horrible and we have high property taxes and higher property taxes then westmont, naperville, and woodridge. You could use the Sams warehouse and JCPenny for any manufacturer centers which would be perfect away from residence homes. I will be at the Oct meeting to voice my opinion.	9/21/2019 4:49 PM
58	just say no	9/21/2019 4:21 PM
59	Allowing cannabis sales could potentially lead to higher rates of cannabis users while driving. This could lead to serious accidents on our roadways. This is just one reason I oppose and hope that the rest of Woodridge does too	9/21/2019 4:14 PM
60	Let Woodridge make the money from it. It will be consumed in the village anyway	9/21/2019 4:10 PM
61	First, as a recovered drug addict and alcoholic, I find it abhorrent to think about the fact this is even an issue on the table. It strikes me as nиеve to think people will legally buy government-regulated drugs when they can easily purchase unregulated Cannabis from their dealers they have supported for years? Next, do we really have the means and resources to police this abusable substance? If there will be a requirement for more policing, won't that cost money as well? Are we going to lose some (or most) of the revenue generated by pot sales? As a Woodridge resident, I motion to opt-out of this ridiculous proposal.	9/21/2019 3:53 PM

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62	Can not help think this is a HUGE mistake to allow these points to be accepted. Our young people will see the sale and use. And learn to accept this as a normal activity. In a couple of years these activities will be looked on as vaping is starting to be looked at. HUGH mistake. It seems anything goes as long as somebody get their share of some tax dollars. Has anybody figured out how to measure when you are an impaired driver on the streets of woodridge? Is it ok for a drunk impaired driver to get behind the wheel? The acceptance, use and sale , in my opinion, is a mistake. This idea makes me feel we are making our community unsafe and will lead to use of harder substance use. Bad idea!	9/21/2019 3:19 PM
63	It would help generate tax revenue that could be used for improvements and other benefits throughout the village over the years.	9/21/2019 2:07 PM
64	I do not even use cannabis but I think it will be beneficial to my community I lived in for 31 years.	9/21/2019 1:39 PM
65	This would be a wonderful way to bring many dying shopping centers in Woodridge back to life.	9/21/2019 9:51 AM
66	I think people should have the opportunity of buying and trying cannabis if it's something they would like. The city would need more police but the taxes would help pay for that and other things. Extraction site I oppose because of chemicals that might be put into atmosphere like our friends over at Willowbrook suffering from cancer from chemicals put into atmosphere by company. Do some research on the effects before of marijuana before judging it, it helps thousands of people deal with illnesses.	9/21/2019 8:38 AM
67	Some residents with health issues, Strongly believe that a marijuana dispensary would be nice in town.	9/21/2019 8:28 AM
68	I feel with allowing any of these things will cause more issues. You can say adult only but look at cigarettes and e-cigarettes hasn't stopped teens from purchasing them..	9/21/2019 7:23 AM
69	Its no different than alcohol consumption. It should be legal, hopefully free up jails for small amounts. Police have enough to do already without having to deal with small amounts. Plus the medical benefits. I firmly believe it should be medically available.	9/21/2019 6:28 AM
70	I am resident of Naperville. I was once long time resident if woodridge. Conservative does not mean you should refuse to adapt to changing conditions and remain tied to out of date views. Not trying say having negative views of cannabis is out of date. If Cannabis is legal in Illinois and Woodridge bans sales, people can still go to other locations to purchase and use it. When important decisions are made distinguishing personal views and emotions from non obvious realities can be important. If people can buy cannabis products two towns over that is very little difference from buying it in the town you live in. Not sure how much difference banning sales would be if cannabis products are easily acquired in other locations nearby anyway. If families are so incapable on their own that they need complete protection and isolation from what is happening in the world around them in order to teach their children and family members how to make good decisions and not abuse drugs then there is something wrong.	9/21/2019 5:35 AM
71	Selling drugs. That's what you come up? Let's focus first on making woodridge schools 10/10 before selling drugs.	9/21/2019 5:23 AM
72	Keep cannabis out of Woodridge!	9/21/2019 4:29 AM
73	Please invite any business into Woodridge that will help our tax base. We are hurting and I see this as a great possible source of tax income because Naperville is not participating and we can absorb the Naperville residents.	9/21/2019 4:15 AM
74	Naperville and Bolingbrook have opted out. Wheaton is also likely. This will not stop use by their constituents, it only reduces the tax revenue available to them. I believe this is a great opportunity to reduce residents' tax burden with little to no harm to the community whatsoever.	9/21/2019 4:06 AM
75	I am a Marine Corps combat veteran with PTSD. I strongly support the use and sale of THC because I have seen first hand the benefits for those who need it. Support for it is support for those who need it. SFMF	9/21/2019 3:31 AM
76	excellent opportunity for tax money	9/21/2019 3:01 AM
77	Once cannabis is approved, we will see our crime rates rise!! Proof in Colorado!!	9/21/2019 1:32 AM
78	It's better than booze and will bring in tons of tax dollars!	9/21/2019 1:30 AM
79	Should not be allowed in Woodridge. The police and Fire departments have enough to do.	9/20/2019 6:46 PM
80	Approve it before Bolingbrook does!!	9/20/2019 5:29 PM

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81	We don't need all the problems that come with cannabis. Legalizing it in order to reap tax revenue is a short-sighted decision and not in the best interests of this community, the state, or the nation.	9/20/2019 5:16 PM
82	i don't want woodridge to become these substances, and bring unwanted elements into the community.	9/20/2019 5:13 PM
83	We live in the southwest quadrant of Woodridge and we have enough of Naperville residents whipping through here just to get to I355. It would be 10x worse with all their residents coming here to consume cannabis so they didn't tarnish their city image. Driving under the influence is going to be our worst nightmare and we strongly oppose public use within the village limits.	9/20/2019 4:40 PM
84	Should be treated like alcohol, legal but closely monitored	9/20/2019 4:37 PM
85	I am strongly for medical use only. I have apprehension about having a growing facility as I believe it would bring the wrong type of people, traffic, and crime into the area. And we already have enough shoplifting. And we are dealing with the vaping issues in our schools.	9/20/2019 4:20 PM
86	Manufacturing-type businesses that grow or extract/infuse cannabis are fine, but a retail dispensary would change the cultural expectation of what youth in Woodridge see as normal. And I don't want youth to see marijuana use as normal. The world has enough problems with drugs -- we don't need to add another.	9/20/2019 4:04 PM
87	These programs have been successful nationwide with minimal, factual disruption to the community. As a community lacking a strong commercial tax base, we could use other funding streams.	9/20/2019 2:50 PM
88	I believe cannabis and all of the services related to it would bring much revenue to the village.	9/20/2019 2:46 PM
89	Bring it on	9/20/2019 2:43 PM
90	Seems like a good way to bring businesses to Woodridge. I think it's a great idea.	9/20/2019 2:40 PM
91	Woodridge should take advantage of the tax revenue from this new opportunity. For sure neighboring villages will.	9/20/2019 2:12 PM
92	I don't smoke, but strongly support allowing these types of business to operate in town.	9/20/2019 2:07 PM
93	Can any one of the facilities be closed if it becomes a problem?	9/20/2019 2:02 PM
94	I believe cannabis should be available to adults - 21 years and older, with proof of identity.	9/20/2019 2:01 PM
95	While I agree with using cannabis for medical reasons I am against using it for recreation unless you are at home and cannot affect the public. Cannabis changes the chemicals in your brain which can affect decision making capabilities.	9/20/2019 1:47 PM
96	We don't need another "addiction" in our community. Too many distractions etc. if approved. Keeping our small community safe, should be our number 1 concern.	9/20/2019 1:29 PM
97	Really? Drug use is at an all time high! People are over using weed & then going onto higher more potent drugs. Stop using & promoting any drug use now!	9/20/2019 1:13 PM
98	There have been no long-range studies, that I am aware of, that detail the habitual use of cannabis. Until we know the answer to that, I see no reason to support its use or retail in Woodridge. I wonder what "driving under the influence of cannabis" will entail and will police officers have a tool to detect it.	9/20/2019 1:11 PM
99	If anything would be allowed, a manufacturing facility paying taxes to Woodridge would be the most acceptable to me.	9/20/2019 1:00 PM
100	Sell the old Wilton property for cultivation and establish a dispensary there. If Woodridge doesn't do it, some other town will and they will get the tax revenue not us!	9/20/2019 12:35 PM
101	Tax revenue to boost infrastructure, education and other needs	9/20/2019 12:35 PM
102	Tax revenue to put back into the education system and other infrastructure needs.	9/20/2019 12:34 PM
103	Revenue source that can be used to give back to the community. I'd love for revenue to be used to make my specific subdivision, the highlands, better with buried lines and drains to remove standing water in backyards.	9/20/2019 12:30 PM

## ADULT USE CANNABIS SURVEY

104	I think it would be a great opportunity to create new jobs and new business opportunities and that would also develop new revenue streams for the Village to fund its ongoing projects and enhance public services in the future. It is also a great opportunity because neighboring communities (e.g. Naperville) are declining to allow cannabis establishments in their cities so Woodridge could snatch up market share which would boost opportunities and revenues even more.	9/20/2019 12:01 PM
105	Another law passed in the State of Illinois that I strongly disagree with. The city of Naperville has already banned dispensaries. I would like to see Woodridge do the same to that and any cafes or places of consumption. If there are private businesses that want to come to woodridge for cultivation or manufacturing that's fine. As a parent with young children, I would like to limit my children's exposure to marijuana, at least in our hometown if possible. Just because something is recently made legal doesn't make it right.	9/20/2019 11:49 AM
106	This is a great opportunity to benefit our community by allowing new businesses in Woodridge.	9/20/2019 11:41 AM
107	Usage on Parks, School Parking lots, Outside restaurants, and Festivals.	9/20/2019 11:31 AM
108	Whether or not the Village permits any of the businesses and activities listed in question 2, all will occur in the area. The only issue is whether we permit it within the Village. I strongly support permitting all of these activities because it permits the Village to realize revenue from them. This situation is no different from permitting businesses to sell/serve liquor or brewers. Some people may oppose cannabis on moral grounds, just as others oppose alcohol. I respect their choices, but it is unethical for them to impose their choices on others. Please stand up to the self-righteous moralizers.	9/20/2019 11:25 AM
109	I don't see any issues with this. If it's regulated and legal, it's no different than a bar that serves alcohol. It's all tax dollars towards the town in the end.	9/20/2019 11:24 AM
110	Village of Woodridge, do not allow cannabis of any kind, person, place or thing. The only exception would be persons in severe pain.	9/20/2019 11:22 AM
111	I support the use of this new law to inject revenue into our community.	9/20/2019 11:20 AM
112	The village needs to be open-minded. This will generate much needed revenue to the village. If you don't take advantage of it you are just going to lose that money to surrounding municipalities.	9/20/2019 10:31 AM
113	Please restrict the Cell manufacturing distribution of cannabis	9/20/2019 9:50 AM
114	The village should oppose cannabis in every aspect as much as it does cigarette smoking and vaping. It boggles the mind to think that our state legislature and Governor support this when they fight tobacco on every front. While cannabis does not contain nicotine, it is as addictive as tobacco and worse for your lungs since the individual smoking it keeps it in their lungs as long as they can. The disaster that this will cause down the road will far outweigh any short-term fiscal help through the collection of taxes. The last thing Woodridge needs is more impaired drivers on our roads, especially when the state has no idea how to determine what level of THC is safe for you to drive. Please oppose the establishment of cannabis dispensaries, cultivation center, manufacturing facilities and smoke lounges. Help save us, our children and the village!	9/20/2019 9:43 AM
115	I think that all cannabis businesses should have the same restrictions as liquor and tobacco shops. If we model off what Colorado has done, with an armed guard and all IDs are scanned to ensure that only a certain amount is purchased per person per specific amount of time, this can be a great way to generate tax dollars as well as provide a product to the public.	9/20/2019 9:41 AM
116	Woodridge residents that want to use cannabis legally will be able to do it regardless of whether it's sold in Woodridge, so why not get the tax benefits that come from sales? And police/crime presence will not be affected nearly as much as it is by alcohol	9/20/2019 9:27 AM
117	Please do not let towns like Naperville negatively influence the progressive nature Woodridge has. I want to remain proud of my town, and following in Naperville's misguided and regressive footsteps will accomplish nothing but a loss of revenue. The tax revenue alone from recreational marijuana could make a huge difference in our town. Using "our children" or "health effects" as an excuse to ban it, are just that: an excuse. Sales and use will be limited to adults, similar to alcohol. Banning the sale and use of marijuana will be a huge misstep by the village of Woodridge. We need to look to the future, not get tediously stuck in the past.	9/20/2019 9:12 AM
118	I fully support the many benefits this will bring to our community. The taxes collected from this industry could greatly benefit the school districts and Village as a whole. Bringing additional industries to the already booming International Parkway would be fantastic for residents.	9/20/2019 8:09 AM
119	I have not seen anything good come from cannabis use.	9/20/2019 7:46 AM



## ADULT USE CANNABIS SURVEY

120	I fully support the legal, safe, regulated manufacturing, use, sale and dispensing of recreational and medicinal marijuana in the Village of Woodridge and in the State of Illinois. The tax benefit alone should be enough reason to allow residents and business owners to participate the state's decision to make recreational marijuana legal. Let the Village of Woodridge be the stand out in a radius of bans (Bolingbrook, Naperville, possibly Downers Grove) and reap the benefits of their bans. I feel we can provide a safe, functional, profitable atmosphere for users and sellers alike. Thank you for considering this and hopefully for allowing this to happen in our town!	9/20/2019 7:19 AM
121	Too many strip mall locations with empty stores... let the dispensaries occupy them.	9/20/2019 7:11 AM
122	Woodridge is full of shuttered business. We can fill empty spots and create jobs. Whether it is approved or not, cannabis will be in the village, just as it is now I'm sure. Fill vacancies, create jobs & put the 3% municipale tax toward our infrastructure. It's a no brainer. It's less damaging then the alcohol being sold in stores and restaurants that are already in the village.	9/20/2019 7:10 AM
123	I believe that there is a legitimate need for Cannabis for medical use. I guess it is better than a bunch of drunks driving on the streets. It will be good for food venues in the village.	9/20/2019 7:09 AM
124	With the strip mall on 75th empty this could help spike revenue and also add jobs to the community. This will also reduce illegal drug dealing in the community. Just need to ensure kids don't get their hands in it. Same with alcohol	9/20/2019 7:07 AM
125	Having safe and legal places in Woodridge to grow, utilize, sell, and use marijuana can help keep Woodridge residents who choose to use it safer, create jobs and opportunities for residents, and keep sales local.	9/20/2019 7:03 AM
126	Please do not allow this in our community.	9/20/2019 7:01 AM
127	This should be treated the same as alcohol use and sales.	9/20/2019 6:59 AM
128	This will bring revenue to the community!	9/20/2019 6:53 AM
129	Please do not allow them in Woodridge	9/20/2019 6:47 AM
130	As a Physician and father living in the community, I could not be more opposed to having Cannabis in our community. Please do not allow its sale in our village.	9/20/2019 6:38 AM
131	I view this as opening a Pandora's box. We can't keep alcohol and cigarettes out of the hands of minors. What makes us think we can do this with cannabis? I support its medical use, especially for cancer or terminal patients, as well as CBD oil, but not the recreational use for a high.	9/20/2019 5:08 AM
132	I believe if located in the ideal location like remotely or industrial area that the benefits may be good for the village. Regardless it's going to happen nearby, so may as well take advantage of it initially.	9/20/2019 4:54 AM

**PAPER SURVEY COMMENTS**

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**LIBRARY**

<b>What comments, concerns, or suggestions do you have for the Village Board?</b>
Until it is proven safe in a community to do above activities, please do not submit Village to this experiment. Thank you, resident of 25 years.
Use of support of this is yet another step toward dumbing down of the population. Crime would increase.
How small is small? What will be the ripple effect?
Get as much revenue as you can. 😊
Prohibit it as other nearby villages are.
Thanks for asking. Much better above board and legal.
Please opt out for the sake of the children and the safety of all residents. We have a high number of cars crashing into houses in this Village already.

**GOLDEN YEARS**

<b>What comments, concerns, or suggestions do you have for the Village Board?</b>
Are you nuts? Look at today's world.
I think cannabis is a dangerous drug. It particularly is of concern when people drive under the influence of this drug. I strongly oppose its use.
Not a business we would want to have in Woodridge. I feel this business would bring more problems than benefits.
Hope it will help the seniors. Seems for their pain. I am all for it.



**Village of Woodridge**  
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No emails received as of September 30, 2019

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**II. Social Media**

a) Nextdoor

No comments received. The post received three “thanks”



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**Village Public Comment on Adult-Use Cannabis October 3**

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Mary Lou J.  
Dunham Knolls



Jody R.  
Goodrich East



Christian F.  
Jefferson



## b) Facebook

Facebook received the most public comments:

- 1,560 people reached
- 415 engagements
- 17 post “likes,” 26 comments, and 9 shares



Village of Woodridge  
September 20 at 11:34 AM



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- Online Survey
- Public comment e-mail
- Village Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram accounts
- Paper Survey at Village Hall or Woodridge Public Library
- Verbal comments by voicemail message at 630-719-4901

\*Please note: any responses will be recorded into the public record.

---Information Links---

Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (CRTA): <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/101/HB/10100HB1438lv.htm>

Adult-Use Cannabis FAQs:

<https://www.vil.woodridge.il.us/cannabis>

---Public Comment Links---

Online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QGKMRNR>

Public Comment email:

<https://www.vil.woodridge.il.us/index.aspx?nid=580>

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36 Comments 9 Shares



Write a comment...



**Dave Podrebarac** As a Physician and father in this community, I truly hope that we oppose the sale of recreational cannabis in our village.

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



**Luke Jooee Wielgosz** What do those 2 titles have anything to do with adults over 21 privately smoking in their homes?? Shame on you for misrepresenting the issue. Are you equally opposed to all the liquor stores??

Like · Reply · Message · 1d



**Dave Podrebarac** Luke Jooee Wielgosz You might want to do yourself a favor and research the effects of chronic marijuana use on the adolescent and adult populations. It is not as harmless as previous thought. I will never endorse illicit drug use in any form for myself or any family/friend/patient.



**Luke Jojee Wielgosz** As a scientist I've done the research. Again you are misrepresenting the issue because it has NOTHING TO DO WITH KIDS or anyone under 21. And no one said anything about chronic use. It's much more beneficial than previously thought, where are you getting this information? Have you seen the list of conditions that qualify someone for medical cannabis? Those are serious illnesses. And do you know what illicit even means?? It's already legal, Dave. It is literally not illicit. The legislation is crystal clear. Have you read it? If you continue to lie and add your own propaganda as you just did, I worry for your patients. Knowing plenty of people working in your field and in your actual building, I will not hesitate to report you for purposefully fear-mongering and lying to people under the guise of a physician. You are supposed to be telling the truth as a physician at EHHS. Instead of arguing over facebook we should discuss this like adults in-person. If you see my name in your appointment log, you'll know why I'm coming. I really do respect your work and the education you chose to pursue. I'm not a big fan of using your whitecoat credentials to mislead others. Honestly, though, given your studies and hard work, I'm just baffled at your initial comment. And the fact that your 1st response to my 1st comment didn't address a single thing I said. I asked 2 questions and you completely ignored them for some reason. Thank you for what you do and how hard you worked to get where you are. But if you've done your research on the politics of this issue, you'd know that Woodridge is almost certainly NOT going to have a cannabis store in it- and in the off-chance that it did, it would legally have to be south of Loews Theater in the industrial park. Not my idea of a danger to our fellow neighbors.

Like · Reply · Message · 1d



**Rachel E. Ermel** I vote in support of the sale of recreational cannabis in Woodridge.

Like · Reply · Message · 6d



**Esther Diamond** If it's legal in the state, it should be allowed in Woodridge. I know several people who have been helped by medical marijuana. Recreational sale and use is the logical next step.

Like · Reply · Message · 22h





**Joy Cody** I support it wholeheartedly! Imagine the tax revenue 😊

Like · Reply · Message · 6d



**Lori Voyles-Spisak** As a longtime resident of Woodridge, I am definitely against it in Woodridge.

Like · Reply · Message · 1w · Edited



**Luke Jojee Wielgosz** Why? This is for adults only and can not be used anywhere besides in one's home.

Like · Reply · Message · 1d



**Michael J. Gestes** Luke Jojee Wielgosz feel free to purchase in another town. We don't need dispensaries in Woodridge.

Like · Reply · Message · 1d



**Luke Jojee Wielgosz** And this ordinance passing wouldn't mean there would be "dispensaries in Woodridge." Do your research please.

Like · Reply · Message · 1d



**Michael J. Gestes** I agree with everyone here, I vote no to the sale of recreational cannabis in the Village. I also wish they'd close the vape stores popping seemingly everywhere you look.

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



**Luke Jojee Wielgosz** Everyone here is not saying no, especially those who do their research and read the links and the legislation. And this has nothing to do with vaping

Like · Reply · Message · 1d



**George Podrebarac** We can \$ELL YOUR kids anything....is their motto

Like · Reply · Message · 22h



**Luke Jojee Wielgosz** This has nothing to do with kids, Mr. "i didn't do an ounce of research"

Like · Reply · Message · 4h



**George Podrebarac** Luke Jojee Wielgosz neither did vaping...

Like · Reply · Message · 21m



**Non Toxic Woodridge** Though our fight to make Woodridge free of Monsanto's poisonous and cancerous RoundUp products will calm down a bit during the colder seasons, we must commit ourselves to properly educating ourselves on the scientific and political issues associated with this issue. We are devoted to a non-toxic environment so that our kids and pets do not have to come in contact with unsafe weed-killing products. Voting YES on this local ordinance, we believe, is 100% on-par with that mission. Children will not be seeing this legal cannabis establishment even if a medical dispensary DOES decide to use their state-issued licence to locate their recreational establishment in our village. Although that is not likely, according to the evidence. Let us properly look into what exactly this local ordinance entails before we either scream "YES" and think we'll have pot available at every gas station (we 100% won't and legally can't) OR before we scream "NO" and think this has anything to do with those under 21 or that this will somehow harm our fellow sisters and brothers (It won't and zero evidence exists suggesting otherwise). Our group votes YES in-part because we can not oppose this while liquor stores are found all over town. Cannabis has a historical death rate of 0%. Alcohol is one of the most dangerous drugs available in our country. This is no accident- it's politics. Vote YES!

Like · Reply · Message · 1d



**Luke Jojee Wielgosz** Thank you for that. And for opposing dangerous weed-killers. Good work.

Like · Reply · Message · 1d



**Daisy Prodzny** Can't Measure, Can't Enforce, ...Greed, Incompetence, Drugs....What can go wrong??

Like · Reply · Message · 21h



**Luke Jojee Wielgosz** Your attempt at forming a sentence. What nonsense are you even talking about? Nothing to do with the ordinance

Like · Reply · Message · 4h





**Amy Pinelli** As a resident of this village, I vote no!

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



**Denise Pinelli** Your no fun Amy Pinelli !

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



**Amy Pinelli** Denise Pinelli I almost choked drinking my water! 🤢🤢🤢 I can imagine you saying that

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



**Luke Jooee Wielgosz** Shame on your no vote and making it more difficult for adults over 21 to privately consume cannabis at home. And your no vote will only raise the amount of drug dealers in our area. Someone didn't do their research....

Like · Reply · Message · 1d



**John Seelander** In the words of Nancy Reagan "Just say no"

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



**Luke Jooee Wielgosz** She was referring to drug-use by minors. This current proposal is only for adults.

Like · Reply · Message · 1d



**Lorraine Jackson** Let use smoke!

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



**Todd Plagman** Vote no!! 🙌🙌 3

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**Luke Jooee Wielgosz** Why?

Like · Reply · Message · 1d



**Katie Kurcz Richards** Zachary Richards

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



**Tram Vo Chuan**

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



**Luke Jooee Wielgosz** We must come together and say YES to allowing adults to make adult choices- just as we do for alcohol. Read up on the links, everyone. There is no legal cannabis location currently in the works to be opening in our Village. NONE. Only medical dispensaries have authority to decide whether they wish to also have a separate area for legal non-medicinal use, and NONE of those locations are in Woodridge and NONE of the medical dispensaries as of now have expressed any interest in coming to Woodridge. All you "no" people don't even know what you're saying NO to. If you don't do your research why are you even here pretending to be standing up against something bad? Shame on all of you. I know 8 people who are in chronic pain for a number of reasons and they all use or have-used HEROIN to fight the pain. Those of whom are still alive, less than 50% of them, have successfully defeated opioid addiction by using medical cannabis to keep the pain at bay. No one will be allowed to smoke in public or drive high, as the state-wide legislation clearly states. The hypocrisy here is a pain in and of itself. I don't see these people at board meetings demanding we shut-down all the alcohol sales, even though cannabis has a death toll of ZERO and alcohol takes thousands of lives annually. This is not about kids smoking a joint on the playground- which was never legal and still will not be. This is about people with horrible conditions who use cannabis products in the comfort of their own homes away from public view in order to alleviate their symptoms of suffering. If you think this is about kids having easier access to pot, you are NOT in ANY way familiar with the ordinance that Woodridge is considering. I can literally buy pot on the street anytime anywhere. Dealers are just going to increase in numbers in places where fear-mongering folk think they're "doing the right thing." Shame on everyone who didn't even read about this and who thinks their "no" vote is protecting ANYONE. It isn't. You are only harming those adults who are already suffering and don't want to be prescribed powerful and addicting drugs by the pharmaceutical industry. VOTE YES to help your neighbors steer clear of painkillers and hard drugs.

Like · Reply · Message · 1d





**Erin Ann O'Brien** As a parent and resident of Woodridge I vote that we support the sale of recreational cannabis in our village.

Like · Reply · Message · 6d



**Lindsay Psolla** As a resident of this community, I truly hope that we support the sale of recreational cannabis in our village.

Like · Reply · Message · 1w





**Justine Marie** why?  1

Like · Reply · Message · 1w



**Luke Jooee Wielgosz** Because this is only for adults. The following are still civil or criminal penalties:

-  smoking cannabis in any public place where a person could reasonably be expected to be observed by others;
-  possessing cannabis and using cannabis on school ground... See More

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**Peggy Halik**

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**From:** Public Comment  
**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2019 3:26 PM  
**To:** Sam Banda; Trevor Bosack; Al Stonitsch; Cameron Hendricks; Gina Cunningham; Greg Abbott; Greg Abbott; James Hoff; Joseph Kagann; Kaleshia Page; Leslie Davies; Mary Anne Blair; Mike Krucek; Mike Krucek; Mike Martinez; Mike Martinez; Peggy Halik  
**Subject:** FW: PublicCommentRegardingAdult-UseCannabis

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**From:** Carol McGrath  
**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2019 3:25:49 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** PublicCommentRegardingAdult-UseCannabis

To the Woodridge Village Board:

I won't be able to attend the Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Therefore I'm sending this email to you.

Except for medical use, I oppose any and all uses of Cannabis in our village. I know it is legal in the State of Illinois. I can't help wondering if our governing bodies in Illinois don't see legalizing this as a means to create a cash cow. Money, money, and more money. In the law it compares cannabis to alcohol stating that it would be regulated in a similar manner. The FIRST thing that came to my mind was: Mothers Against Drunk Drivers. Hmmm. Wonder why this group was formed...Regulating alcohol has not prevented drivers from driving while under the influence. Drivers who drive while impaired by alcohol are a danger to every one of us and every one of our friends and family. It is the same with Cannabis. People will drive while under the influence of it, I'm sure. Who will be the innocent people killed by these impaired drivers? I hope it isn't any of our families or friends or even ourselves.

What a shame this is legal in Illinois. I hope it will not be allowed in Woodridge. Not grown here. Not in businesses here. No Cannabis business establishment.

I do admit I did NOT read the entire bill. It was 610 pages long. Good grief!

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard.

Your friend in the business,

*Carol*

Carol McGrath, HousingCoach<sup>SM</sup>  
REALTOR<sup>®</sup>, ABR, CNC, CSC. e-PRO, GRI

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## STATUS OF CANNABIS BUSINESS REGULATION BY COMMUNITY

Community	Medical Cannabis Facility	Allowed	Restricted Allowance	Likely Allow	Banned	Likely Ban	Discussion	Nothing Planned
Addison	Y-2			x				
Antioch							x	
Arlington Heights	Y			x				
Aurora								x
Bannockburn							x	
Barrington						x		
Bartlett				x				
Batavia						x		
Bensenville						x		
Bloomington					x			
Bolingbrook					x			
Brookfield		x						
Buffalo Grove				x				
Burr Ridge							x	
Carbondale				x				
Carol Stream	Y						x	
Clarendon Hills							x	
Crest Hill						x		
Crystal Lake							x	
Darien								x
Decatur							x	
Deerfield						x		
DeKalb				x				
Des Plaines							x	
Downers Grove						x		
DuPage County				x				
East Dundee				x				
Elburn		x						
Elgin				x				
Elmhurst				x				
Evanston				x				
Frankfort					x			
Freeport							x	
Geneva							x	
Glen Ellyn				x				
Glencoe				x				
Glendale Heights								x
Grayslake					x			
Hanover Park					x*			

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Highland Park		x*						
Hinsdale						x		
Island Lake				x				
Itasca							x	
La Grange						x		
La Grange Park						x		
Lake Barrington						x		
Lake Bluff						x		
Lake Forest					x			
Lake in the Hills				x				
Lake Zurich					x			
Lemont							x	
Libertyville						x		
Lincolnwood				x				
Lisle						x		
Lombard				x				
Long Grove					x			
Mokena							x	
Morton					x			
Mount Prospect							x	
Moweaqua						x		
Mt. Vernon		x						
Mundelein				x				
Naperville	Y				x			
New Lenox							x	
Niles				x				
North Aurora	Y			x				
Northbrook				x				
Oak Brook						x		
Oakbrook Terrace		x						
Oak Park				x				
Oswego							x	
Park Ridge						x		
Pingree Grove				x				
Plainfield							x	
Prospect Heights							x	
Riverside		x						
Rolling Meadows				x				
Roselle							x	

**STATUS OF CANNABIS BUSINESS REGULATION BY COMMUNITY**

<b>Community</b>	<b>Medical Cannabis Facility</b>	<b>Allowed</b>	<b>Restricted Allowance</b>	<b>Likely Allow</b>	<b>Banned</b>	<b>Likely Ban</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Nothing Planned</b>
Schaumburg							X	
Shorewood						X		
South Beloit		X						
South Elgin			X					
St. Charles	Y		X					
Sugar Grove						X		
Sycamore						X		
Tinley Park				X				
Vernon Hills							X	
Villa Park			X					
Warrenville							X	
Wauconda				X				
Wayne								
West Chicago							X	
Westmont							X	
Wheaton					X			
Willowbrook				X				
Wilmington					X			
Winfield							X	
Winnetka							X	
Winthrop Harbor		X						
Wood Dale							X	
Woodstock		X						



## VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE

**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Board of Trustees  
Joseph Kagann, Village Clerk

**FROM:** Brian Cunningham, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** Cannabis Impact in Comparable Colorado City

**DATE:** Sept. 25, 2019

**PURPOSE AND ACTION REQUESTED:** Provide information about the impact of cannabis for several comparable cities in Colorado. This memo will compare crime data in Brighton, Parker, and Wheat Ridge before and after cannabis legalization.

**BACKGROUND:** The comparable cities are suburbs of Denver, Colo., which is a large city with a total rate of violent crime 1.8 x national average and property crime 1.6 x the national average. Below is a table that compares these suburbs in terms of population, education, and median household income with Woodridge.

	Population	Education (college degree and above)	Median household income
Brighton, Colo.	40,562	24.5%	\$62,316
Parker, Colo.	54,202	62.2%	\$101,969
Wheat Ridge, Colo.	31,294	39.6%	\$49,340
<i>Woodridge, Ill.</i>	<i>33,598</i>	<i>55.1%</i>	<i>\$76,858</i>

Source: Wolfram Alpha<sup>1</sup>

### DISCUSSION:

It is critical to remember that data limitations exist, and the role of cannabis (if any) on crime does not establish a cause and effect relationship. In addition, the police departments do not have crime data that is readily available (i.e., requires a formal request and is not listed on the annual report).

#### *Brighton, Colo.*

The Brighton crime data shows that calls for service increased by 6.5%, arrests increased by 1.8% and summons issued decreased by 11.5% in the first year of cannabis legalization. Brighton prohibits retail cannabis stores within the city limits<sup>2</sup>; however, residents may grow

<sup>1</sup> Wolfram: Alpha: Computational Intelligence.” *WolframAlpha Computational Knowledge AI*, <https://www.wolframalpha.com/>.

<sup>2</sup> Municode. Retrieved from

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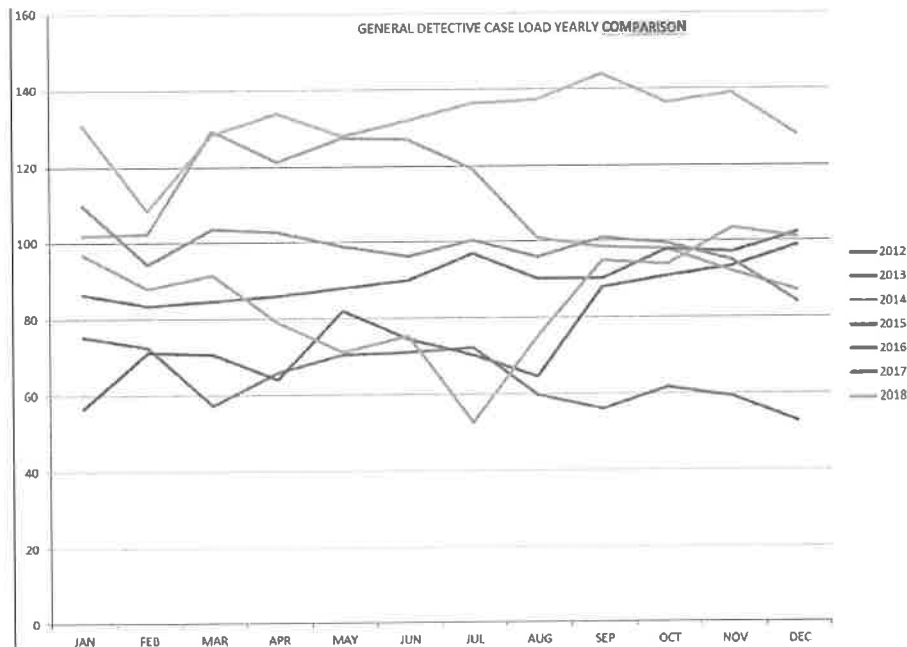
cannabis in one’s home for private use. The nearest dispensary is a 15-minute drive from Brighton in Thornton, Col.

	2013 (Before legalization)	2014 (Retail cannabis permitted)	Percentage change from 2013
<b>Calls for service</b>	43,195	46,023	↑6.5%
<b>Arrests</b>	2,365	2,409	↑1.8%
<b>Summons issued</b>	5,225	4,622	↓-11.5%

Source: (City of Brighton Annual Report, 2019)<sup>3</sup>

*Parker, Colo.*

The Parker Police Department provides crime data about general detective caseloads dating from 2013-2018. The data shows that detectives saw an increase in the caseload a few months prior to cannabis legalization starting in Sept. 2013 going from around 70 caseloads to 98 in December 2013. After legalization, the caseload spiked to more than 130 cases in March 2014. After that increase, the caseload declined and reached 2013 levels in November 2014. Please note that the detective caseload may not involve cannabis related cases and may not be an accurate metric for accessing the impact of cannabis legalization. Per Parker city code, retail cannabis stores are prohibited<sup>4</sup>.



Source: Parker Police 2018 Annual Report<sup>5</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Annual Report. Retrieved from <https://www.brightonco.gov/816/Annual-Report>

<sup>4</sup> *Municode Library*, [https://library.municode.com/co/parker/codes/municipal\\_code?nodeId=TIT13LADEOR\\_CH13.15MAFAST\\_13.15.040MACUFAMAPRMAFAMATEFAREMASTLIPR](https://library.municode.com/co/parker/codes/municipal_code?nodeId=TIT13LADEOR_CH13.15MAFAST_13.15.040MACUFAMAPRMAFAMATEFAREMASTLIPR)

<sup>5</sup> “Government Transparency.” *Government Transparency | Parker Police - Official Website*, <http://parkerpd.org/1490/Government-Transparency>.

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*Wheat Ridge, Colo.*

The Wheat Ridge crime data shows that calls for service significantly decreased by more than 25%, DUIs increased by 5.6%, and traffic summons issued decreased by 7.8% in the first year of cannabis legalization. Wheat Ridge does allow cannabis retail establishments<sup>6</sup>.

	2013 (Before legalization) <sup>7</sup>	2014 (Retail cannabis permitted) <sup>8</sup>	Percentage change from 2013
<b>Calls for service</b>	32,483	23,818	↓-26.6%
<b>DUI</b>	176	186	↑5.6%
<b>Traffic summons issued</b>	5,039	4,642	↓-7.8%

**BUDGET:** N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:** Based on Brighton and Parker data, and the premise that Woodridge is a similar municipality, one could conclude that calls for service and caseloads may *slightly* increase after cannabis legalization. In contrast, Wheat Ridge, the only city in the comparison to allow retail cannabis shops, saw a significant decrease in calls for service but an increase in DUIs. However, the statistical adage “correlation does not imply causation” makes it difficult to link cannabis to crime in this context. There is no way to determine if any increase in police overtime is related to cannabis.

<sup>6</sup> Municode Library, Wheat Ridge  
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<sup>7</sup> Wheat Ridge, CO - Official Website, <https://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/Archive.aspx?AMID=68>.

<sup>8</sup> Wheat Ridge, CO - Official Website, <https://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3618>  
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