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Woodridge Village Board to Reconsider Current Local Ban on Adult Use Cannabis

- The Village Board will have a Workshop to discuss adult use cannabis on Thursday, January 20, immediately following the Regular Meeting at 7 p.m.
- There are multiple ways for the community to view and provide input including, Zoom, YouTube, email, and voicemail
- The Village Board passed an ordinance on December 5, 2019, prohibiting cannabis-based businesses from operating within Woodridge
- An April 6, 2021, advisory referendum supported allowing such businesses by a 10.6 percent margin

WOODRIDGE, Ill., January 17, 2022: The Woodridge Village Board is holding a Workshop to discuss the reconsideration of the current local ban on adult use cannabis businesses, including retail sales, manufacturing, and cultivation. The Village Board will have the Workshop discussion on Thursday, January 20, 2022, immediately following the Regular Meeting of the Village Board at 7 p.m. No formal action will be taken at this Workshop. Due to the current surge in COVID-19 cases, the Board Meeting & Workshop will be a virtual meeting with an opportunity for public comment.

The Mayor and Village Board value community input and public comment. The opportunities for the public to view and participate include attending and providing comment at the meeting through the [Zoom](#) webinar, watching the livestream of the meeting on the Village's [YouTube channel](#), [submitting a Public Comment Email](#), and providing a voicemail comment (630-719-4901). More information about submitting a public comment is available on the [Woodridge Public Comment website](#).

Background

In 2019, Illinois passed the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. On January 1, 2020, Illinois became the 11th state to legalize recreational cannabis. The Village Board held multiple meetings, solicited public input, and received information regarding adult use cannabis.

The Village Board passed an ordinance on Thursday, December 5, 2019, prohibiting cannabis-based businesses from operating within the Village of Woodridge. In 2020, the Village Board passed an ordinance to place an advisory referendum question on the ballot to gather the electorate's input on whether adult-use cannabis business establishments should be permitted in Woodridge. The April 6, 2021, consolidated general election referendum results show that 55.4 percent of the Woodridge electorate was in favor of allowing adult-use cannabis business establishments, while 44.6 percent were opposed.

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