



Council Agenda Item 25-025-O

MEETING DATE: 10/14/2025

SUBJECT/TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8A-4 TO EXCLUDE COMBINATION BUSINESSES OPERATING A RETAIL LOCATION FROM THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR CANNABIS RETAIL BUSINESSES.

SUBMITTED BY:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Council passed Chapter 8A - Cannabis on 11/25/2024.

BACKGROUND: Duluth City Council passed the City's Cannabis Ordinance on 11/25/2024. The Ordinance limits the number of retail license registrations to a maximum of one (1) per twelve-thousand five hundred (12,500) residents, as authorized under Minnesota's Cannabis Law, Chapter 342.

A Medical Combination Cannabis business is a business that holds both a medical license from the State under Minn. Stat. Chapter 152 and a retail Cannabis license under Minn. Stat. Chapter 342. Minnesota's Cannabis law allows Medical Cannabis licensees to operate a maximum one (1) retail location in each congressional district. See Minn. Stat. 342.515 Subd. 3.

It was brought to the City's attention that Minnesota's Cannabis law excludes Medical Combination businesses from the 1 per 12,500 resident cap on retail registrations. Medical Combination businesses are only subject to the 1 per Congressional District limitation.

This amendment to Chapter 8A brings Duluth's Cannabis Ordinance into compliance with State Law.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: None.

OPTIONS:

NECESSARY ACTION: Approve.

ATTACHMENTS: