

TO: Goodhue County Board of Commissioners  
FROM: Samantha Pierret, AICP, Planner/Zoning Administrator/Interim LUM Director  
DATE: September 17, 2024  
RE: Set Public Hearing Date for Cannabis Ordinance Consideration

**SUMMARY:**

The County Board is requested to set a date to hold a public hearing to hear comments regarding the proposed Goodhue County Cannabis Ordinance and consider Ordinance adoption.

**BACKGROUND:**

County staff from Administration, the Attorney's Office, Finance/Taxpayer Services, Health and Human Services, Land Use Management, and the Sheriff's Office have been meeting regularly to discuss and draft a proposed Goodhue County Cannabis Ordinance. The Ordinance has been prepared in compliance with Minnesota Statutes chapter 342 and with guidance from the Office of Cannabis Management.

The County Board must hold a public hearing before formal adoption of the Ordinance. Due to statutory notice requirements and newspaper publication dates staff is recommending this hearing be set for the second County Board meeting in October.

Staff will make a draft copy of the Ordinance available on the County website at least 10 days prior to the County Board meeting and will specify that comments may be submitted to staff via mail or email prior to the hearing date if individuals cannot attend the meeting. The draft notice is attached to this report.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Set the public hearing date for the Goodhue County Cannabis Ordinance for **Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 9 AM.**

The below notice will be published in the Kenyon Leader on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 and Wednesday, October 2, 2024.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ENACT A CANNABIS ORDINANCE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Goodhue, Minnesota will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, to consider the enactment of the Goodhue County Cannabis Ordinance.

The Goodhue County Board of Commissioners will be reviewing and discussing the proposed Goodhue County Cannabis Ordinance which will regulate cannabis retail registration procedures, registration enforcement, and use of cannabis products in places of public accommodation. This Ordinance will apply to all areas outside of City limits within Goodhue County.

The public hearing will be conducted during the regular meeting of the Goodhue County Board which will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Goodhue County Government Center 509 W 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Red Wing, MN 55066. The meeting will also be streamed via Microsoft Teams accessible from [www.goodhuecountymn.gov](http://www.goodhuecountymn.gov).

Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments by letter addressed and mailed to Samantha Pierret, Goodhue County Land Use Management, 509 W 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Red Wing, MN 55066; or dropped off at Goodhue County Land Use Management Monday through Friday during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays; or via email [samantha.pierret@goodhuecountymn.gov](mailto:samantha.pierret@goodhuecountymn.gov). All written submissions must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 11, 2024 and will be read into the record during the public hearing, including name and address.

A copy of the proposed cannabis ordinance can be viewed at Goodhue County Land Use Management, 509 W 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 104, Red Wing, MN 55066; or online at [www.goodhuecountymn.gov](http://www.goodhuecountymn.gov). If you have questions, you may call Goodhue County Land Use Management at 651-385-3103

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Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

GOODHUE COUNTY

Scott Arneson

County Administrator