



PLANNING BOARD

P.O. Box 1305
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May 6, 2025 Town Meeting, Article 15

Overview: Fall 2024 Town Meeting approved a reduction in the number of adult-use marijuana cultivation facilities that could operate in Town without a ballot vote. Article 15, combined with the passage of a ballot question at the May 10, 2025 Town Election, would prohibit the operation of Marijuana Cultivators and Marijuana Craft Cooperatives, as well as preclude cultivation by Marijuana Microbusinesses.

The Planning Board is proposing this marijuana zoning bylaw amendment in response to concerns raised by Littleton residents regarding the commercial cultivation of marijuana. Littleton zoning currently allows one of each type of marijuana cultivation facilities; by State Law, there are 4 types of marijuana facilities that can cultivate marijuana – three types of so-called adult-use cultivators and medical marijuana cultivators. This bylaw would reduce the number of new adult-use marijuana cultivation facilities that could be allowed in Town to zero. The Town has already limited the number of medical marijuana cultivation facilities to the minimum allowed by State Law. The existing cultivator operating in Town would continue to operate.

Article 15 includes 3 actions:

Action 1) Amends Section 173-197.B to delete Marijuana Cultivator and Craft Marijuana Cooperative from permissible uses and renumbers the allowed uses.

Action 2) Amends the title of Section 173-198 from “Limitations” to “Limitations and Prohibition on Use”:

Action 3) Amends Section 173-198, Subparts D through F to prohibit Adult-Use Marijuana cultivation in Town.

The Planning Board held a Public Hearing on this proposed zoning bylaw amendment on Thursday, March 13, 2025 and voted unanimously to recommend it to Town Meeting.

Any questions, please refer to the Planning Board page of the Town website: <https://ma-littleton.civicplus.com/1226/202425-Marijuana-Bylaw-Amendments>

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