



PLANNING BOARD

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May 6, 2025 Town Meeting, Article 15
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[SLIDE 1] Hello, Littleton. I am Maren Toohill, the Littleton Town Planner.

[SLIDE 2] Article 15 is a zoning bylaw amendment proposed by the Planning Board as part of a 3-step process to reduce the number of new marijuana cultivation facilities. Step 1: Fall 2024 Town Meeting approved a reduction in the number of adult-use marijuana cultivation facilities that could be approved by the Planning Board – to the minimum number under State Law without a ballot vote. Step 2 is Article 15. Step 3 is the ballot question on May 10, 2025 Town Election ballot. Passage of Article 15 by the necessary 2/3 vote plus passage of the ballot question would prohibit the operation of Marijuana Cultivators and Marijuana Craft Cooperatives, as well as preclude cultivation by Marijuana Microbusinesses. All three steps are needed.

The Planning Board is proposing this marijuana zoning bylaw amendment in response to concerns raised by Littleton residents regarding the commercial cultivation of marijuana.

[SLIDE 3] Littleton zoning currently allows one of each type of marijuana cultivation facilities (3 types of adult-use cultivators and 1 medical marijuana cultivator). Article 15 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 – one, given our current population. The existing cultivator operating in Town would continue to operate. There is no change proposed to the bylaw regarding marijuana retail facilities.

[SLIDE 4] Article 15 includes 3 actions:

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

[SLIDE 5] 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. This Article was discussed at several Planning Board meetings and the Select Board meeting of March 24. Additional details are posted on the Town website.

As with all Planning questions, please reach out to me, or any of the Planning Board members with questions.