

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE: To amend City Code Chapter 25, titled “Zoning Ordinance,” to add “cannabis dispensary” as a defined term, and to permit cannabis dispensaries as a conditional use in the I-L and Mixed Use (MX) Zones

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND** that Chapter 25 of the Rockville City Code entitled “Zoning Ordinance” be amended as follows:

**Chapter 25**  
**ZONING ORDINANCE**

\* \* \*

**ARTICLE 3. – DEFINITIONS; TERMS OF MEASUREMENTS AND CALCULATIONS**

\* \* \*

**Sec. 25.03.02. - Words and terms defined.**

\* \* \*

*Canopy* means a marquee, porte-cochere, or other unenclosed covering structure projecting from and attached to a building, with or without supporting members, protecting pedestrians and vehicles outside of an entrance doorway from inclement weather.

*Cannabis dispensary* means any retail establishment that is licensed by the state of Maryland to sell cannabis to patients or consumers.

\* \* \*

**ARTICLE 12. - INDUSTRIAL ZONES**

\* \* \*

**Sec. 25.12.03. Land use tables.**

The uses permitted in the industrial zones are shown in the table below. Uses are subject to applicable conditions of site plan approval. All special exceptions are subject to the requirements of article 15.

	Uses	Zones		Conditional requirements or related regulations
		Light Industrial I-L	Heavy Industrial I-H	
a. Residential uses	Live/work unit	P	N	Includes dwelling unit for caretaker in connection with a self-storage warehouse
	Personal living quarters	S	N	See Sec. 25.15.02.1.
b. Institutional uses	Adult day care	P	N	
	Charitable or philanthropic institution	P	N	
	Child care center	P	N	
	Educational institution, private	P	N	
	Places of worship	P	N	
c. Medical services	Ambulance service	C	N	Conditional use must not adjoin residential uses
	Hospital	S	N	Sec 25.15.02.i.
	Veterinary office and animal hospital	P	N	
d. Temporary uses	Christmas tree sales	C	C	Conditional use subject to the requirements of Sec. 25.09.04
	Garden produce	C	N	
	Temporary building or yard for construction materials or equipment	C	C	Conditional use subject to the requirements of Sec. 25.09.04
	Temporary carnival, flea market, or festival	C	C	
	Temporary office or model home	C	C	
	Mobile uses	C	N	
	Portable storage units	C	C	
e. Commercial,	Alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises of any restaurant	P	N	

	Uses	Zones		Conditional requirements or related regulations
		Light Industrial I-L	Heavy Industrial I-H	
office, and industrial uses	Auctioneer and commercial gallery	P	N	
	Boats and marine supplies	P	N	
	Garden supplies	P	N	
	Home improvement service	P	P	
	Home maintenance services	P	P	
	Pawnbroker	S	N	See Section 25.15.02.m.
	Public transportation station	C	C	Conditional use must comply with any Plan recommendation
	Repair of household appliances, inc'l home electronic equipment	P	N	
	Taxicab service	P	N	
	Wearing apparel and related accessories	P	N	
	Wearing apparel services	P	N	
	Caterer, no seating	P	N	
	Carry-out	P	N	
	Restaurant	S	N	See Sec. 25.15.02.o.
	Office uses:			
	Duplicating service	P	N	
	Office	C	N	Conditional use limited to 25% of the gross floor area of a building
	Medical or dental laboratory	P	N	
	Research and development	P	N	

	Uses	Zones		Conditional requirements or related regulations
		Light Industrial I-L	Heavy Industrial I-H	
	Automobile filling station (Class I and II)	S	S	See Sec. 25.15.02.c.
	Automobile fluid maintenance station	P	N	
	Automotive repair garage	P	N	
	Mechanical car wash	P	N	
	Motor vehicle and trailer sales, including new and reconditioned parts and accessories and service incidental thereto	P	N	
	Motor vehicle towing service, without storage on the premises	P	N	
	Tires, batteries, and accessory sales, including service incidental thereto	P	N	
	Tobacco and vape shop	C	N	Conditional use subject to the requirements of Sec. 25.13.04.f.
	<u>Cannabis dispensary</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Conditional use subject to the requirements of Sec. 25.13.04.g</u>

Key: P = Permitted Use; S = Special Exception; C = Conditional Use; N = Not Permitted

\* \* \*

## ARTICLE 13. - MIXED-USE ZONES

\* \* \*

### Sec. 25.13.03. Land use tables.

The uses permitted in the mixed-use zones are as shown in the table below. Uses are subject to applicable conditions of site plan approval. All special exceptions are subject to the requirements of Article 15.

	Uses	Zones								Conditional requirements or related regulations
		Mixed-Use Transit District (MXTD)	Mixed-Use Corridor District (MXCD)	Mixed-Use Employment (MXE)	Mixed-Use Business (MXB)	Mixed-Use Corridor Transition (MXCT)	Mixed-Use Neighborhood Commercial (MXNC)	Mixed-Use Commercial (MXC)	Mixed-Use Transition (MXT)	
a. Residential	Dwelling, single unit detached	N	C	C	C	N	C	P	P	Conditional use subject to the requirements of Sec. 25.13.04.a.
	Dwelling, semi-detached (duplex)	N	N	C	P	N	C	N	P	Conditional use subject to the requirements of Sec. 25.13.04.a.
	Dwelling, townhouse	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	C	Conditional use subject to the requirements of Sec. 25.13.04.a.
	Dwelling, attached	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	C	Conditional use density must not exceed 6 dwelling units per acre
	Dwelling, multiple-unit	P	P	P	P	P	P	C	C	Conditional use subject to the requirements of Sec. 25.13.04.a
	Live/work unit	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
	Personal living quarters	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	P	
* * *										
h. Commercial and office uses	Retail sales and services:									
	Alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises	P	P	P	N	C	C	C <sup>1</sup>	C	For conditional use, tenant area limited to 5,000 sq. ft. of gross floor area
	Alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises of any restaurant	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
	Auctioneer and commercial gallery	P	P	P	P	P	C	C	C	For conditional use, tenant area limited to 2,500 sq. ft. of gross floor area
	Boats and marine supplies	N	C	N	C	N	N	N	N	For conditional use, all sales and storage must be indoors

	Uses	Zones								Conditional requirements or related regulations
		Mixed-Use Transit District (MXTD)	Mixed-Use Corridor District (MXCD)	Mixed-Use Employment (MXE)	Mixed-Use Business (MXB)	Mixed-Use Corridor Transition (MXCT)	Mixed-Use Neighborhood Commercial (MXNC)	Mixed-Use Commercial (MXC)	Mixed-Use Transition (MXT)	
	Business equipment sales and service	P	P	P	P	P	N	P	N	
	<u>Cannabis dispensary</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>Conditional use subject to Sec. 25.13.04.g</u>

Key: P = Permitted Use; C = Conditional Use; S = Special Exception; N = Not Permitted

\* \* \*

#### Sec. 25.13.04. - Special regulations for conditional uses.

- a. *Residential*. Where residential uses are permitted as conditional uses in a mixed-use zone, other than the MXC zone...

\* \* \*

- g. Cannabis dispensary. Where a cannabis dispensary is allowed as a conditional use, it must meet all applicable requirements of State law and regulations, including, but not limited to, any distance requirements in § 36-410 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, as may be amended.

\* \* \*

\* \* \* \* \*

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sara Taylor-Ferrell,

City Clerk/Director of Council Operations