

Metro Cities News

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Metro Cities Breakfast at LMC Annual Conference

Metro Cities will host a breakfast at the League of Minnesota Cities 2024 Annual Conference in Rochester next **Thursday**, **June 27**th, **at the Mayo Civic Center**, **Room 110-111**, **from 7:45-8:45 am**. This is a great opportunity to connect with other metro city officials. If you are at the conference, please join us! See <u>2024 LMC Annual Conference - League of Minnesota Cities</u> for more information.

2024 Metro Cities Policy Committees

Metro Cities policy committee process will begin in July, and four committees will recommend the association's legislative policies for 2025. Participation is open to member city elected officials and staff. Committee descriptions and dates are on the <u>website</u>. Please be sure to <u>sign up</u> for the committee(s) you wish to attend. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Adult-Use Cannabis Guidebook for Local Governments

This month the MN Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) released a guidebook for local governments, as the office continues its work implementing the laws legalizing adult-use cannabis. The guidebook contains a variety of information for cities and will be updated as regulations are developed by the OCM. Click <u>HERE</u> to view the guidebook.

The guidebook describes the general authorities cities and counties have, including the ability to limit the number of retailers within their locality (so long as a one store per 12,500 residents ratio is satisfied). Cities can also prohibit cannabis sales between certain times during the week.

The guidebook provides information on how local zoning interacts with the various cannabis license types and describes how the local zoning compliance certification process will work as part of the larger licensing process. This resource contains a model ordinance and information on what can or cannot be included in a local ordinance regarding cannabis businesses.

Click <u>HERE</u> to view the Local Governments section of the Office of Cannabis Management website, which hosts the guidebook and other useful links for cities.

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