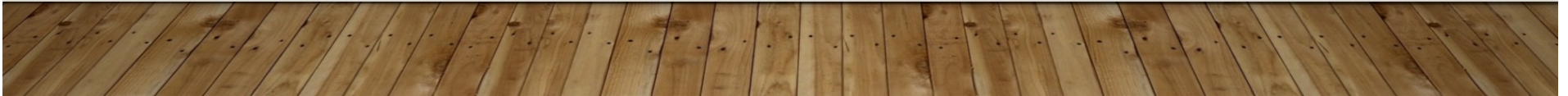




CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE CANNABIS WORK GROUP

PUBLIC EDUCATION SLIDES: JUNE 16, 2021



PUBLIC FORUM AGENDA

- Introduction of Lambertville Cannabis Work Group (LCWG) Members
- Background and Overview
- Guidelines for Public Comment
- Public Comment

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- Councilman Sanders
- Councilman Stegman
- Stephanie Moss
- Reggie Ross
- Koren Woznicki

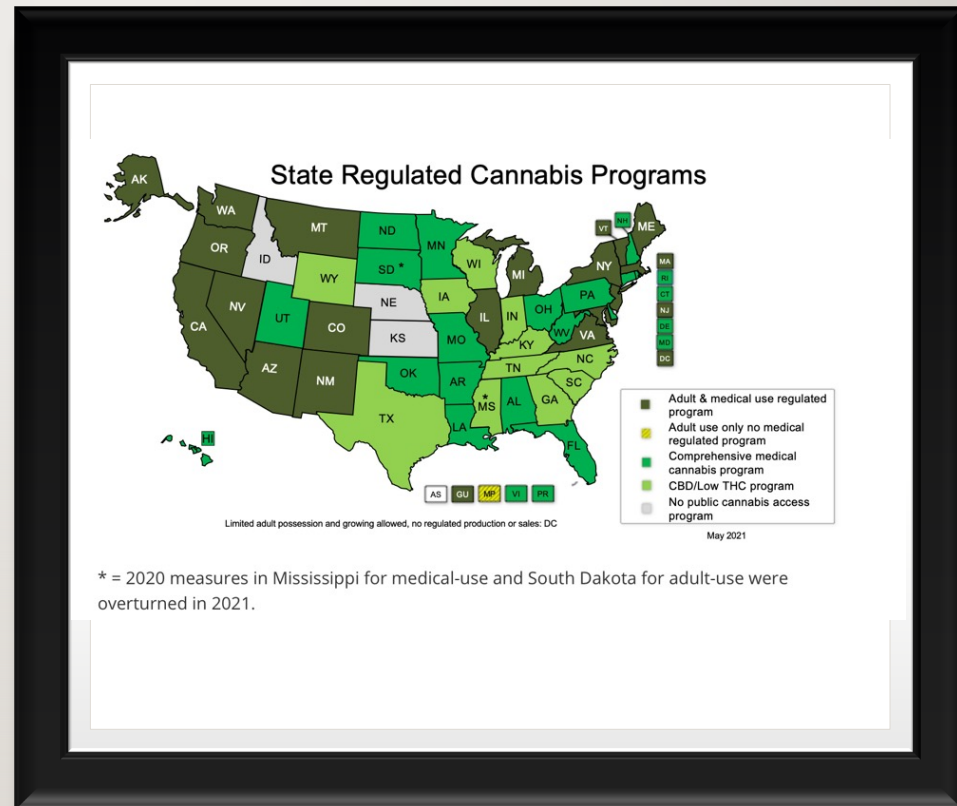
GOAL OF THE CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE CANNABIS WORK GROUP

- Develop educational materials about the law for residents and members of the Lambertville Community
- Solicit input from Lambertville residents, Lambertville businesses, interested parties and those with expertise with cannabis-related businesses
- Collect data through a survey of residents and local businesses
- Provide data, findings and observations to the Lambertville City Council as soon as possible so the Council can make final decisions before August 21, 2021 deadline

WHAT STATES BESIDES NJ HAVE LEGALIZED CANNABIS?

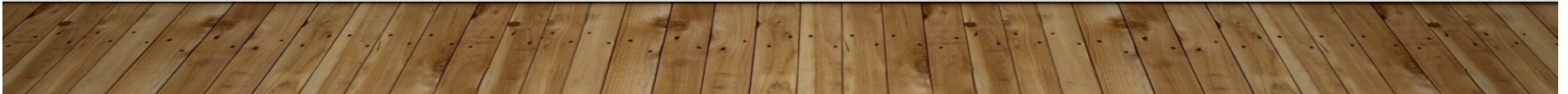
- 17 States To Date Have Legalized Recreational Use
- 36 States Legal for Medical Use Only

- [Source: National Conference of State Legislators
https://www.ncsl.org/research/health/state-medical-marijuana-laws.aspx](https://www.ncsl.org/research/health/state-medical-marijuana-laws.aspx)



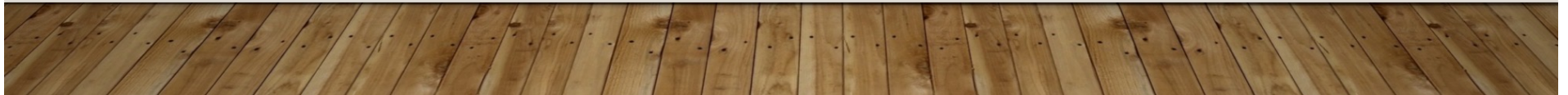
WHAT DOES THE NJ CANNABIS LEGALIZATION ALLOW?

- Possession of up to six ounces of cannabis and 170 grams of hashish with no associated criminal or civil penalties
- Cannabis Regulatory Commission (CRC) has the power to regulate the purchase, sale, cultivation, manufacturing, packaging, transportation, and delivery of “cannabis” items. It also has the power to grant, refuse, suspend, revoke, and limit licenses or conditional licenses.
- It DOES NOT ALLOW growing your own cannabis. Growing a single cannabis plant is crime punishable by up to 5 years in jail.
- For persons under the age of 18 who commit a possession or consumption violation, for a first offense, the person would be subject to a “point of violation” warning or “juvenile intervention.” Persons 18-20 will be subject to a civil penalty of \$50.
- Social Equity
 - Establishes a Social Equity Excise Fee
 - No less than 15 percent of licenses being issued will be to certified minority-owned businesses and no less than 15 percent of licenses being issued to certified women-owned and disabled veteran-owned businesses



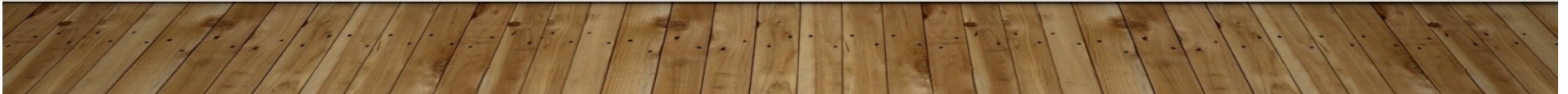
WHAT ARE THE VARIOUS CANNABIS BUSINESSES IN NJ?

- Class I – Cultivator – grow, cultivate, and produce marijuana plants and raw materials
- Class II – Processor – manufacture, prepare, and package cannabis items
- Class III – Wholesaler – store, sell, and transfer cannabis items for resale to other wholesalers and retailers
- Class IV – Distributor – transport bulk amounts of cannabis products between cultivators and establishments
- Class V – Retailer – sells cannabis products directly to consumers from a retail store
- Class VI – Delivery Service – home delivery courier for Cannabis Retailers
- Additionally, there will be *microbusiness*, *testing facility*, and *cannabis consumption area* licenses available.



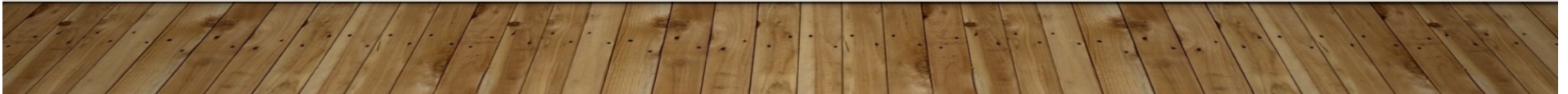
NOW THAT CANNABIS IS LEGAL WHAT DO NJ MUNICIPALITIES HAVE TO DO?

- Municipalities have the option to authorize and regulate the number of licensed cannabis businesses in their location, as well as the manner and times of operation. However, only the Cannabis Regulatory Commission can regulate delivery services.
- Municipalities have 180 days (until August 21, 2021) to act on whether to either prohibit cannabis businesses or regulate/limit the number of cannabis establishments, the location, manner, and times of operation, and establishing civil penalties for violation of ordinances
- If municipalities do not act within 180 days, any class of cannabis establishment or distributor will be permitted to operate in the municipality. A municipality that fails to enact an ordinance before August 21, 2021, is precluded from passing an ordinance banning the operation for a period of 5 years.
- Municipalities can adopt a local transfer tax imposed on sales. The tax cannot exceed 2% of the receipts from each sale by a cannabis manufacturer; 1% of the receipts from each sale by a cannabis wholesaler; and 2% of the receipts from each sale by a cannabis retailer.



WHAT POSITIVE IMPACT WILL THE CANNABIS BUSINESSES POSSIBLY HAVE ON LAMBERTVILLE?

- Tax Revenue
 - Transfer Tax and User Tax (not to exceed 2% for all except wholesalers)
- Stores Being Used
- Parking Meter Revenue
- Tourist Business
 - Increase in sales for other businesses and food/beverage providers
- Other?



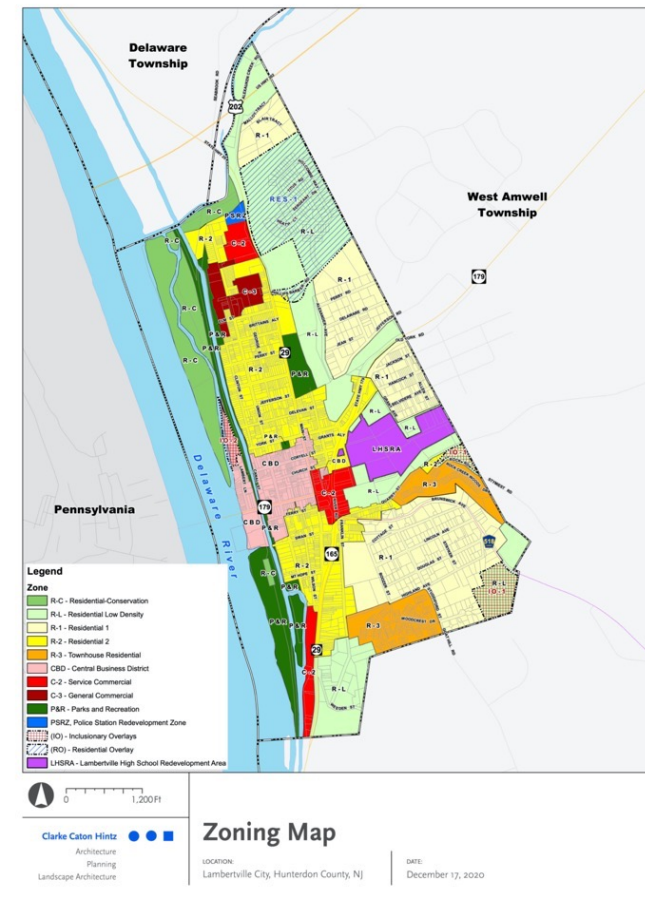
WHAT NEGATIVE IMPACT WILL THE CANNABIS BUSINESSES POTENTIALLY HAVE ON LAMBERTVILLE?

- Increase In Traffic
- Lack of Parking
- Cash Only Business
 - How will city handle cash?
- Increase of Work for City Staff
 - Tax Collecting
 - Police
- Other?

WHERE ARE THE POSSIBLE AREAS OF TOWN THAT THE CANNABIS BUSINESSES COULD BE HOUSED?

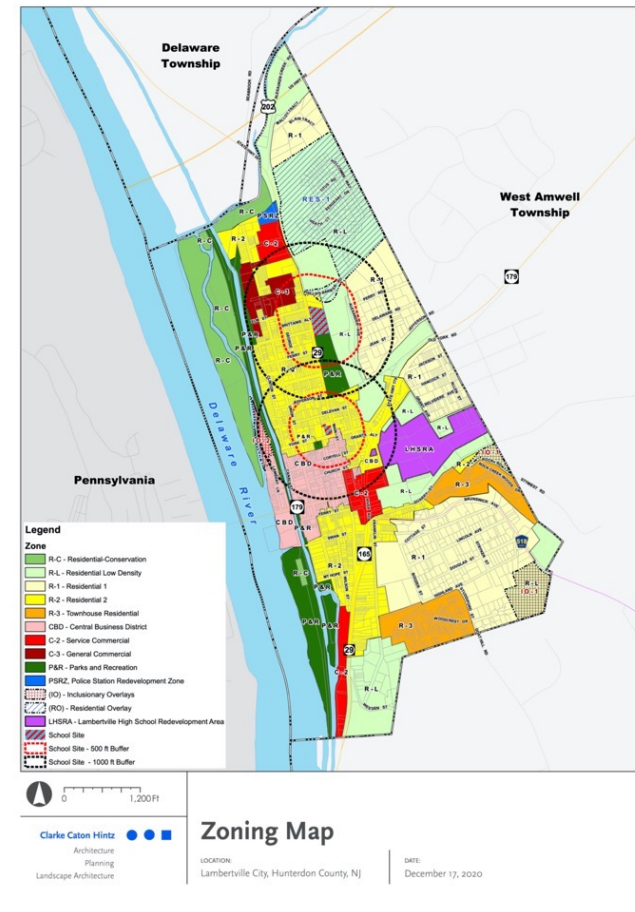
- Central Business District which also includes Riverhorse (Area in Pink)
 - Pros/Cons
- C-2 – Service Commercial – e.g., area with Rago, Valparaiso's, Laceworks (area in Red)
 - Pros/Cons
- C-3 – General Commercial – e.g., area with Rojos, Basil Bandwagon, CVS, Diamond Silver (area in Maroon)
 - Pros/Cons

Please note: Business names are listed to give a point of reference of the location only – not the actual location of a possible cannabis business.



WHERE ARE THE POSSIBLE AREAS OF TOWN THAT THE CANNABIS BUSINESSES COULD NOT BE HOUSED?

- Within 1000/500 feet of a School?
- Within 1000/500 feet of a Playground?
- Bus Stop or Public/Private Youth Center (for example: Churches)?
- Residential Only Zones





WHAT DO CANNABIS RETAIL STORES LOOK LIKE?

- Most have a Vestibule To Check In
- Retail Behind
- MUST have 24/7 security cameras
- MUST have security while open

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM OTHER STATES/CITIES?

Great Barrington, MA

Population: 6,852

Number of Cannabis Businesses: 3

Local Cannabis Tax Rate: 3%

Yearly Cannabis Tax Revenue: \$3 Million (\$1 million in tax revenue within the first year)

What Cannabis Tax Revenue was used for locally: lower local property taxes, renovations to the local high school, creation of a stabilization or “rainy day fund” for the city, new police cars, and financing a Community Impact Fund to fund drug abuse prevention, education, and treatment programs

Trinidad, CO

Population: 8,080

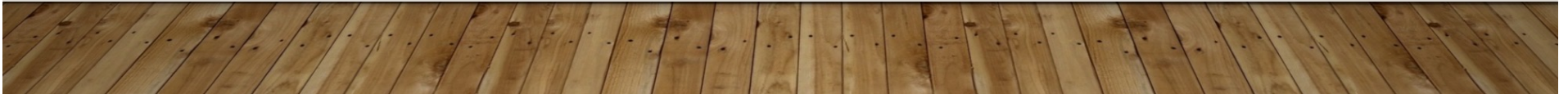
Number of Cannabis Businesses: 8

Local Cannabis Tax Rate: 10% of the 15% state cannabis sales tax is allocated to local municipalities

Yearly Cannabis Tax Revenue: \$3.5 Million

What Cannabis Tax Revenue was used for locally: replaced 140 year old brick streets, replaced dilapidated water pipes throughout the town, bought new fire engines, creation of a “rainy day fund”, Covid-19 relief stipends for local businesses

Source: <https://www.businessinsider.com/small-towns-saved-by-legal-marijuana-2017-5#trinidad-colorado-went-from-ghost-town-to-marijuana-boom-town-5>
<https://theberkshiredge.com/what-happens-to-great-barringtons-pot-revenue/> NOTE: These are just two examples. Revenue for Lambertville would depend on a number of factors.



SOURCES OF NJ CANNABIS INFORMATION

- [New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission](#)
- [New Jersey League of Municipalities Cannabis Legalization](#)
- [New Jersey League of Municipalities Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [What NJ Municipalities Need to Know About the State's New Cannabis Laws](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

PLEASE NOTE WE WANT TO
HEAR FROM LAMBERTVILLE
RESIDENTS ONLY

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

- Please state your name and address
- You will have 3 minutes to make your comment and should be directed towards the actions the City Council must take regarding the new laws
- Speakers may ask questions in addition to making comments. However, the Work Group will not be engaging in discussion of those questions this evening. Tonight, the LCWG members are here to listen! We will be recording the meeting and will provide a summary of our answers on the city website.
- We ask that the speakers or those providing written comments limit their comments and questions to whether the City should permit cannabis businesses and with what guidelines. Written comments may be sent to info@lambertvillenj.org - please put “Cannabis” in the heading of the email.

KEY ISSUES FOR THE FORUM

- Of particular interest to the LCWG are the following:
 - Which cannabis businesses, if any, should Lambertville allow?
 - Do you approve or disapprove allowing retail cannabis businesses?
 - If retail operated in the City, how many should be permitted to operate?
 - What should the hours of operation be?
 - What restrictions should there be on the location of cannabis businesses?

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME AND PARTICIPATED IN TONIGHT'S FORUM, AND
TO THOSE WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION TO HELP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
THIS PRESENTATION!