

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF MILLE LACS
PRINCETON TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 3

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 200:020 DEFINITIONS,
AMENDING SECTIONS 300:071 – 300:072
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT, AND
INCLUDING SECTION 300:280-300:287 RELATED TO CANNABIS
AND HEMP BUSINESS REGULATIONS OF THE PRINCETON
TOWNSHIP CODE

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PRINCETON TOWNSHIP
ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 200:020 Definitions are to be amended to include the following:

“Cannabis Business” A business licensed by the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) as Minnesota Statute Section 342.01 Subd. 14.

“Cannabis Cultivator” A cannabis business that grows cannabis plants from seed or immature plant to mature plant, harvests the cannabis flower from a mature plant, and packages and labels immature cannabis plants and seedlings and cannabis flower for sale to pursuant to Minnesota Statute Sections 342.25 and 342.30.

“Cannabis Event” A temporary cannabis event lasting no more than four days operating pursuant to Minnesota Statute Sections 342.39 and 342.40.

“Cannabis Manufacturer” A cannabis business that makes cannabis and/or hemp concentrate, manufactures artificially derived cannabinoids, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and/or hemp-derived consumer products, and sells cannabis concentrate, hemp concentrate, artificially derived cannabinoids, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, hemp-derived consumer products to other cannabis businesses pursuant to Minnesota Statute Sections 342.26 and 342.31.

“Cannabis Mezzobusiness” A cannabis business that grows cannabis plants from seed or immature plant to mature plant, harvests the cannabis flower from a mature plant, makes cannabis and/or hemp concentrate, manufactures artificially derived cannabinoids, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and/or hemp-derived consumer products, and sells immature cannabis plants and seedlings, adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, hemp-derived consumer products, and other products authorized by law to other cannabis businesses and to consumers pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 342.29.

“Cannabis Microbusiness” A cannabis business that grows cannabis plants from seed or immature plant to mature plant, harvests the cannabis flower from a mature plant, makes cannabis and/or hemp concentrate, manufactures artificially derived cannabinoids, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and/or hemp-derived consumer products, and sells immature cannabis plants and seedlings, adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, hemp-derived consumer products, and other products authorized by law to other cannabis businesses and to consumers, including on-site consumption, pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 342.28.

“Cannabis Retailer” A cannabis business that sells immature cannabis plants and seedlings, adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, hemp-derived consumer products, and other products authorized by law to customers pursuant to Minnesota Statute Chapter 342 and applicable Minnesota Rules.

“Cannabis Testing Facility” A cannabis business that obtains and tests immature cannabis plants and seedlings, cannabis flower, cannabis products, hemp plant parts, hemp concentrate, artificially derived cannabinoids, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products from cannabis microbusinesses, cannabis mezzobusinesses, cannabis cultivators, cannabis manufacturers, cannabis wholesalers, lower-potency hemp edible manufacturers, and industrial hemp growers pursuant to Minnesota Statute Sections 342.37 and 342.38.

“Cannabis Wholesaler” A cannabis business that sells immature cannabis plants and seedlings, cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products to cannabis microbusinesses, cannabis mezzobusinesses, cannabis manufacturers, and cannabis retailers pursuant to Minnesota Statute Sections 342.33 and 342.34.

“Day Care” A location licensed with the Minnesota Department of Human Services to provide the care of a child in a residence or other facility outside the child's own home for gain or otherwise, on a regular basis, for any part of a 24-hour day.

“Hemp Business” A business licensed by the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) as defined by Minnesota Statute 342.01 Subd. 34.

“Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Manufacturer” A hemp business that makes hemp concentrate, manufactures artificially derived cannabinoids lower-potency hemp edibles, and/or hemp-derived consumer products, and sells hemp concentrate, artificially derived cannabinoids, lower-potency hemp edibles, hemp-derived consumer products to other cannabis businesses and hemp businesses pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 342.45.

“Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Retailer” A hemp business that sells lower-potency hemp edibles to customers, including on-site consumption, pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 342.46

“Office of Cannabis Management (OCM)” The state agency with the powers and duties of making rules, establishing policy, and exercising its regulatory authority over the cannabis industry and hemp consumer industry.

“Potential Licensee” An entity that is seeking a license to operate a cannabis business from the OCM.

“Park Feature” An attraction within a public park that is regularly used by minors, including a playground or athletic field.

“Place of Public Accommodation” A business, accommodation, refreshment, entertainment, recreation, or transportation facility of any kind, whether licensed or not, whose goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages or accommodations are extended, offered, sold, or otherwise made available to the public.

“Public Place” A public park or trail, public street or sidewalk; any enclosed, indoor area used by the general public, including, but not limited to, restaurants; bars; any other food or liquor establishment; hospitals; nursing homes; auditoriums; arenas; gyms; meeting rooms; common areas of rental apartment buildings, and other places of public accommodation.

“Residential Treatment Facility” Any facility licensed or regulated by the Minnesota Department of Human Services that provides 24-hour-a-day care, lodging, or supervision outside a person’s home and which also provides chemical dependency or mental health services.

“School” means a public school, as defined in section 120A.05, subdivisions 9, 11, 13, and 17, or a nonpublic school, or church or religious organization in which a child is provided instruction in compliance with this section and section 120A.24 but does not include a home school.

SECTION 2. Section 300:071 Commercial/Industrial District Permitted Uses is amended to add the following:

7. Cannabis Event.
8. Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Retailer.

SECTION 3. Section 300:072 Commercial/Industrial District Conditional Uses is amended to add the following:

21. Cannabis Cultivator.
22. Cannabis Manufacturing.
23. Cannabis Mezzobusiness.

24. Cannabis Microbusiness.
25. Cannabis Retailer.
26. Cannabis Testing Facility.
27. Cannabis Wholesaler.
28. Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Manufacturer.

SECTION 4. Section 300:280 – 300:286 is to be added as follows:

300:280 CANNABIS AND HEMP BUSINESSES

300:281 County to Issue Registrations. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 342.22, subd. 1, Princeton Township consents to Mille Lacs County issuing registrations for cannabis and hemp businesses.

300:282 Certification of Cannabis Businesses Zoning. Mille Lacs County is authorized to certify whether a proposed cannabis business complies with the Township's zoning ordinances, and if applicable, state fire code and building code pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 342.13.

300:283 Hours of Operation: No cannabis business with a license or endorsement authorizing the retail sale of cannabis flower or cannabis products may sell cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products outside of the hours of operation established by Mille Lacs County. If Mille Lacs County does not establish specific hours of operation, the hours established in Minnesota Statutes, section 342.27, subdivision 7 shall apply.

300:284 Minimum Distance Requirements.

1. The Township prohibits the establishment and operation of a cannabis business and hemp businesses within the following buffer zones:
 - One thousand (1,000) feet from a school
 - Five hundred (500) feet from a day care
 - Five hundred (500) feet from a residential treatment facility
 - Five hundred (500) feet from an attraction with a park feature
 - Cannabis business only – five hundred (500) feet from another cannabis business
 - Hemp business only – five hundred (500) feet from another hemp business

2. The buffers in this section will be measured from the potential licensee's proposed business location based on the location of schools, day cares, residential treatment facilities, other cannabis businesses, and park features. Buffer distances will be measured from the property lines of the businesses and affected entity.
3. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a registered cannabis business from continuing to operate at the same location if a school, day care, residential treatment facility, cannabis business, or park feature establishes within the buffer.

300:285 Use in Public Places. No person shall use cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products in a public place or a place of public accommodation unless the premises is an establishment, or an event licensed by the OCM to permit on-site consumption.

300:286 Temporary Cannabis Events.

1. A permit is required to be issued and approved by the Township prior to holding a temporary cannabis event held by a licensed cannabis event organizer, as defined and provided for in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342.
2. An application fee, as established in the Township's fee schedule, shall be charged to applicants for temporary cannabis event permits.
3. An applicant must submit an application for Township approval of a temporary cannabis event permit on a form provided by the Township Clerk-Treasurer. The application may be amended from time to time but shall include or be accompanied by:
 - a. Full name of the property owner and applicant;
 - b. Address, email address, and telephone number of the applicant;
 - c. The application fee as established in the Township's fee schedule;
 - d. A copy of the OCM cannabis event license application, submitted pursuant to 342.39 subd. 2. The application shall be submitted to the Township Clerk-Treasurer, or other designee for review.
4. The application shall be submitted to the Township Clerk-Treasurer, or other designee for review. The application will be considered complete when the application form is submitted with all of the required information included and application fee paid. If

the submitted application is incomplete, the Township Clerk-Treasurer shall return the application to the applicant with the notice of deficiencies.

5. The application fee shall be non-refundable once processed.
6. A request for a temporary cannabis event that does not meet the requirements of this Section shall be denied. The Township Clerk-Treasurer shall notify the applicant of the standards not met and basis for denial.
7. Temporary cannabis events are prohibited on Township property.
8. Temporary cannabis events shall only be held between the hours of 10:00am and 9:00pm.
9. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 342.40, subd. 8, the Town prohibits on-site consumption of cannabis and hemp products.

300:287

Penalties Administration and Enforcement. Any violation of the provisions of this article or failure to comply with any of its requirements constitutes a misdemeanor and is punishable as defined by law. Each day each violation continues or exists, constitutes a separate offense. Violations of this ordinance can occur regardless of whether a permit is required for a regulated activity listed in this ordinance. Violations of this article may also be addressed under Code Sections 300:254 Violation/Penalties, and 300:255 Penalties.

SECTION 5. Section 300:143 Home Occupations is to be amended as follows:

4. In furtherance of the objectives of this section, Interim Uses may not be granted for the following Home Occupations: cannabis or hemp business, truck terminals, the sale of equipment for automotive service and supply, new or used car and equipment sales, repair of automobiles, trucks, ATVs, snowmobiles, motorcycles, and other motorized vehicles for compensation, occupations involving the use of machinery or omission of noxious chemicals or odors.


SECTION 6. The Planning Commission of Princeton Township held a public hearing at their November 18, 2024, meeting, took comments from the public, and recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve amendments to Ordinance No. 2024-3 Amending Section 200:020 Definitions, Amending Sections 300:071 – 300:072 Commercial/Industrial Zoning District and Including Section 300:280 – 300:287 Related to Cannabis and Hemp Business Regulations of the Princeton Township Code.

SECTION 7. The Board of Supervisors of Princeton Township held the first reading of this Ordinance at their November 19, 2024, meeting and second reading at their December 17, 2024, meeting.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

ADOPTED this 17th day of December 2024 by the Board of Supervisors of Princeton Township.

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP



Eugene Stoeckel, Board Chair

ATTEST:



Tandra Langfeld, Town Clerk