

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR EDWARD M. FLYNN



## CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

### ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS BOSTON'S IMPLEMENTATION OF MASSACHUSETTS' MARIJUANA USE REGULATIONS

**WHEREAS,** On April 19, 2026, Governor Healey signed *An Act Modernizing the Commonwealth's Cannabis Laws* that would reform the state's cannabis regulations and the Cannabis Control Commission; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The previous iteration of the Cannabis Control Commission was dissolved immediately and was reduced from five members to three. These new commissioners must be appointed by May 19, 2026. The Commission is also tasked with creating an anonymous portal to accept reports of illegal conduct; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The law will also roll out regulations that would govern sites where people can consume marijuana products in social settings. This includes three new Social Consumption Establishment Licenses. Supplemental licenses will allow existing marijuana establishments to incorporate on-site consumption, hospitality for non-cannabis businesses, and event organizer to host temporary consumption events; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Additionally, adults can now legally possess up to 2 ounces of marijuana, up from the previous 1 ounce. Business owners may now also obtain up to 6 licenses; *and*

**WHEREAS,** These regulatory changes will have significant impacts on public health, public safety, quality of life, local zoning, enforcement, and economic development in the City of Boston. This will require significant coordination among City departments and community stakeholders; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss Boston's implementation of the state of Massachusetts' marijuana use regulations, and that the Boston Cannabis Board, Boston Licensing Board and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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