Massachusetts Recreational Marijuana Update

Presented by the Massachusetts Municipal Association

December 4, 2019
November, 2016
Question 4 approved by Massachusetts voters

September, 2017
Cannabis Control Commission appointed by the Governor, Attorney General, and Treasurer

April, 2018
Marijuana Establishment licensing process opens

November 20, 2018
First Retail Marijuana Establishments open in Massachusetts

July, 2017
Enabling legislation, Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017 was signed into law

March, 2018
Filed final regulations: Secretary of State published on March 23rd

June, 2018
Issued the first provisional license
A YEAR IN REVIEW

33 RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA SHOPS OPEN IN 32 MUNICIPALITIES

$393.7 MILLION IN TOTAL SALES
- $19 MILLION IN STATE SALES TAXES
- $32.8 MILLION IN STATE EXCISE TAXES
- $9.1 MILLION IN LOCAL OPTION TAXES

395 APPLICATIONS PENDING BEFORE THE CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION
LOCAL CONTROLS

Municipal role in licensing of marijuana establishments:

- Zoning Bylaws and Ordinances
- Host Community Agreements
- Community Outreach Meetings
**TIME, PLACE, MANNER**
May not interpret bylaws/ordinances to exclude marijuana establishments

**BUFFER ZONES**
May not be located within 500 feet of a pre-existing public/private school providing education from kindergarten through grade 12

**LIMITATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS**
Prohibit one or more types of establishments or limit the number of establishments
HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

Executed agreement between host community and marijuana establishment:

- Sets forth conditions of operation
- May contain a community impact fee of up to 3% of gross sales, limited to 5 years
COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING

Regulations require a community outreach meeting within 6 months prior to submission of a license application to the Cannabis Control Commission

- Notice requirements
- Content requirements
NEW REGULATIONS

3rd iteration of regulations finalized this Fall include:

- Home Delivery
- Social Consumption Pilot Program
Thanks!

Does anyone have any questions?

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