

Zoning Amendments to Address Medical Cannabis Establishments

Add the following definitions to Section 201:

- **CANNABIS:** As defined in *Mississippi Code*, all parts of the plant of the genus cannabis, the flower, the seeds thereof, the resin extracted from any part of the plant and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the plant, its seeds or its resin, including whole plant extracts. Such term shall not mean cannabis-derived drug products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration under Section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.
 - ***Cannabis Cultivation Facility:*** A business entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that acquires, grows, cultivates and harvests medical cannabis in an indoor, enclosed, locked and secure area.
 - ***Cannabis Disposal Entity:*** A business entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that is involved in the commercial disposal or destruction of medical cannabis.
 - ***Cannabis Processing Facility:*** A business entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that (i) acquires or intends to acquire cannabis from a cultivation facility; (ii) possesses cannabis with the intent to manufacture a cannabis product; (iii) manufactures or intends to manufacture a cannabis product from unprocessed cannabis or a cannabis extract; and (iv) sells or intends to sell a cannabis product to a medical cannabis dispensary, cannabis testing facility, or cannabis research facility.
 - ***Cannabis Products:*** Cannabis flower, concentrated cannabis, cannabis extracts and products that are infused with cannabis or an extract thereof and are intended for use or consumption by humans. The term includes, without limitation, edible cannabis products, beverages, topical products, ointments, oils, tinctures and suppositories that contain tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and/or cannabidiol (CBD) except those products excluded from control under Sections 41-29-113 and 41-29-136 of the Mississippi Code.
 - ***Cannabis Research Facility:*** A research facility at any university or college or an independent entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health pursuant to Mississippi Code that acquires cannabis from cultivation and processing facilities in order to research cannabis, develop best practices for specific medical conditions, develop medicines and provide commercial access for medical use.
 - ***Cannabis Testing Facility:*** An independent entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that analyzes the safety and potency of cannabis.
 - ***Cannabis Transportation Entity:*** An independent entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that is involved in the commercial transportation of medical cannabis.
 - ***Medical Cannabis:*** Cannabis, cannabis products and edible cannabis that are intended to be used by registered qualifying patients as provided by Mississippi Code.
 - ***Medical Cannabis Dispensary:*** An entity licensed and registered with the Mississippi Department of Revenue that acquires, possesses, stores, transfers, sells, supplies or dispenses medical cannabis, equipment used for medical cannabis, or related supplies and education materials to cardholders.
 - ***Medical Cannabis Establishment:*** A cannabis cultivation facility, cannabis processing facility, cannabis testing facility, cannabis dispensary, cannabis transportation entity,

cannabis disposal entity or cannabis research facility licensed and registered by the appropriate state agency.

Zoning District Revisions:

- C-3 Conditional Use: Dispensary, Research, Testing
- A-1 and A-2 Conditional Use: Cultivation
- I-1 Conditional Use: Cultivation, Processing, Disposal, Transportation
- I-2 Conditional Use: Cultivation, Processing, Disposal, Transportation

Add to General Regulations or Conditions to Consider

- Medical Cannabis Establishment
 - Applicable Laws: All requirements of federal, state and local laws shall be met, and maintain permits for operation from Mississippi Department of Health. This shall include all building code regulations adopted by the Rankin County Board of Supervisors.
 - Site Plan Review: All medical cannabis establishments must submit a preliminary site plan review package to the Zoning Administrator when submitting a Conditional Use application. This requirement is to ensure the establishment is located in an area of the County that has adequate infrastructure to meet the needs of the establishment. Such infrastructure may include electricity, water for cultivation and/or processing as well as fire suppression, wastewater treatment and removal, and roadway/bridge capacity.
 - Required Privilege License in Accordance with State and Local Law: A privilege license and operation permit must be obtained from the Mississippi Department of Health and the local Zoning Administrator prior to the initiation of a medical cannabis establishment. The local permit shall cost an initial fee of \$5,000 and the permit shall be renewed annually for a fee of \$2,500.