

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
WORKSHOP AGENDA
Thursday, July 20, 2022
Immediately following Council meeting
City Hall**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Murphy

2. Roll Call: DeVries – Harris – Hughes – Winge and Benson

3. Discussion Items:

A. Discuss City Regulation of Edible Cannabinoids

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4. Staff Input

5. Council Input

6. Adjourn

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: KURT B. GLASER, CITY ATTORNEY
SUBJECT: CITY REGULATION OF EDIBLE CANNABINOIDS
DATE: 7/14/2022
CC: BILL PETRACEK, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

SUMMARY: It is now legal sell certain edibles and beverages infused with the cannabis ingredient THC. The City should consider regulating sellers and consumers of these products.

DISCUSSION: It is now legal to sell certain edibles and beverages infused with tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the cannabis ingredient extracted from hemp. The Legislature passed this new law without the traditional enforcement mechanisms or penalties. This allows Cities to regulate cannabis sales and enforcement of businesses who sell the products and consumers of the products.

Staff recommends that the City draft an ordinance to regulate the sale of these cannabis products. We anticipate that a City ordinance regulating these products would look similar to cigarette and liquor regulation.

The League of Minnesota Cities is unlikely to produce sample legislation in the near future. Our law firm, in conjunction with the City Attorney of Coon Rapids, is formulating a proposed City ordinance on this subject for several our City clients. We anticipate producing the sample ordinance in the next two to three weeks. We would be happy to do so for the City of Lexington.

KBG.