

Cannabis Legislation



Bill 174

An Act to enact the Cannabis Act, 2017, the Ontario Cannabis Retail Corporation Act, 2017 and the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017, to repeal two Acts and to make amendments to the Highway Traffic Act respecting alcohol, drugs and other matters

The Hon. E. Ngugi
Minister General

Government Bill



**Councillor Egli – Open House
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**By-law & Regulatory Services
Services des règlements municipaux**



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What is legal?

- Cannabis consumption laws in Ontario mirror those related to tobacco
- Where tobacco may be consumed (smoked or vaped), cannabis (recreational or medical) may also be consumed
- By-law & Regulatory Services enforces the Smoke-Free Ontario Act and relevant City of Ottawa by-laws related to smoking in public places, workplaces (except for the Transit By-law, enforced by Transit Enforcement Officers of OC Transpo)

Using Cannabis

- In Ottawa, smoking or vaping of cannabis products is ***prohibited***:
 - in or on outdoor City property, such as arenas, recreation centers, libraries, pools, parks, sports fields, transit stations, buses
 - in enclosed public places, such as the interior of businesses (e.g. retail stores), hospitals, restaurants
 - in enclosed workplaces
 - on restaurant or bar patios, and public areas within 9 meters

Using Cannabis (cont'd)

- in *indoor common areas* of condominiums, apartment buildings and college/university residences (hallways, laundry rooms, entertainment rooms)
- in elementary and secondary schools and on their grounds, and on public areas within 20 meters
- on hospital grounds
- in childcare centers, on children's playgrounds or public areas within 20 meters
- in places where home childcare is provided, regardless of whether children are present

Enforcement

- Enforcement is being undertaken on a reactive (complaint) and proactive basis, with patrols of municipal property, etc. underway
- Enforcement includes the issuance of verbal and written warnings, and charges, either with a set fine or via a summons to Court, depending on the number and nature of the offence(s)

AMO Policy Update – Cannabis Retail Regulations Released

The Province has announced that:

- How municipal governments must inform the AGCO of a decision to opt out of hosting retail cannabis stores within the municipality – as of January 22, 2019
- Store requirements and hours – stand alone stores can operate between 9:00 – 23:00
- Able to sell only cannabis products, accessories and shopping bags
- Distances of retail locations from schools (150 m measured from the property line for stand-alone schools)
- Eligibility for licensing as well as education requirements for operators, managers, and staff