



City of Stamford
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

May 9, 2023

To: Vineeta Mathur, Principal Planner
Land Use Bureau, Stamford

From: Robert Clausi, EPB Executive Director 

Subject: ZB Application 223-17
City of Stamford – Zoning Board
Text Change

EPB staff has reviewed the above-referenced application to establish use regulations for marijuana and cannabis related uses and change the Smoke Shop or Tobacco Store regulations. EPB has no comment and offers no objection to these proposed text changes moving forward through the Zoning Board's review process.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

MAYOR
Caroline Simmons



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May 31, 2023

Mr. David Stein, Chair
City of Stamford
Zoning Board
888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, CT 06902

RE: ZB APPLICATION #223-17(MOD) - STAMFORD ZONING BOARD - Text Change

Dear Mr. Stein & Members of the Zoning Board:

During its regularly scheduled meeting held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, the Planning Board reviewed the above captioned application referred in accordance with the requirements of the Stamford Charter.

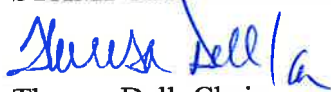
The purpose of this Text Change is to establish use regulations for marijuana and cannabis-related uses and to protect the welfare and safety, in particular, of children and adolescents. To that end, changes to the Smoke Shop or Tobacco Store regulations are also proposed to include minimum distance requirements from public schools and signage limitations. All proposed marijuana and cannabis-related use regulations align with the licensing requirements of the State of Connecticut.

Allowing these uses only within certain commercial and manufacturing Zoning Districts, not residential Zoning Districts and regulating signage supports Master Plan Policy 6A to maintain residential neighborhood character.

After a considerable discussion, the Planning Board decided to **TABLE ZB Application #223-17(MOD)** to the June 13, 2023 meeting to allow for consideration of public comments that were received late in the day on Tuesday.

Sincerely,

STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD


Theresa Dell, Chair

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDIUM

TO: Zoning Board Office

FROM: Frank W. Petise, PE
Transportation Bureau Chief

DATE: June 7, 2023

RE: Zoning Board Applications 223-17 (MOD)

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink are present. The first signature, on the left, is for Frank W. Petise, PE, and the second signature, on the right, is for Luke Buttenwieser. Both signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Luke Buttenwieser
Transportation Bureau Staff

Application #223-17

888 Washington Blvd
City of Stamford

The Transportation, Traffic & Parking Department (TTP) has reviewed the following documents:

- Zoning Board application received May 10, 2023
- Proposed text change

The proposed text changes associated with application 223-17 do not appear to have an adverse effect on traffic or parking.

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ZONING BOARD

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June 15, 2023

Mr. David Stein, Chair
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888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, CT 06902

RE: ZB APPLICATION #223-17(MOD) - STAMFORD ZONING BOARD - Text Change

Dear Mr. Stein & Members of the Zoning Board:

During its regularly scheduled meeting held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, the Planning Board reviewed the above captioned application referred in accordance with the requirements of the Stamford Charter.

The purpose of this Text Change is to establish use regulations for cannabis-related uses and to protect the welfare and safety, in particular, of children and adolescents. To that end, changes to the Smoke Shop or Tobacco Store regulations are also proposed to include a requirement for a special permit, minimum distance requirements from schools and signage limitations. All proposed marijuana and cannabis-related use regulations align with the licensing requirements of the State of Connecticut.

Allowing these uses only within certain commercial and manufacturing Zoning Districts, not residential Zoning Districts, and regulating signage supports Master Plan Policy 6A to maintain residential neighborhood character.

After considerable discussion, the Planning Board unanimously voted to recommend *approval* of **ZB Application #223-17(MOD)** and this request is compatible with the neighborhood and consistent with the 2015 Master Plan. The Planning Board recommends the Mayor's Office, the Board of Representatives, the Police Department, and Department of Youth Services attend the Zoning Board's public hearing to share their opinions on the matter of cannabis Land Use regulations in Stamford and the following additional Zoning Regulations:

1. All dispensaries must be for medicinal marijuana or hybrid. No adult-use-only dispensaries shall be permitted.
2. Dispensaries must be 150 feet from any "R" Residential District.
3. Dispensaries must be 2,000 feet from public and private schools.
4. Dispensaries must be 2,000 feet from other dispensaries
5. Smoke Shops / Tobacco Stores must be 2,000 feet from public and private schools.

Sincerely,

STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD

Theresa Dell, Chair

TD/lac

Briscoe, Tracy

From: Kristin Floberg <kfloberg@westcog.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 11:56 AM
To: Mathur, Vineeta; Briscoe, Tracy
Subject: RE: City of Stamford - Zoning Board -REVISED application 223-17-(mod)
Attachments: 223-17 -(MOD) -Revised Application Referral Ltr.pdf; 223-17- (MOD) -Application.pdf; NARRATIVE Marijuana and Cannabis 2023-05-04.pdf; TEXT Marijuana and Cannabis 05-05-2023.pdf

To: Vineeta Mathur, Principal Planner

From: Kristin Floberg, Senior Planner

Re: CT Statutory Referral to WestCOG from Stamford - Attached Zoning Amendment

Date: May 9, 2023

Thank you for submitting the attached referral to WestCOG.

The opinion of WestCOG staff is that the proposal is of local interest and with minimal intermunicipal impact. Therefore, it is not being forwarded to adjacent municipalities and the regional staff is making no comment.

From: Briscoe, Tracy <Tbriscoe@StamfordCT.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 12:16 PM
To: Kristin Floberg <kfloberg@westcog.org>
Subject: City of Stamford - Zoning Board -REVISED application 223-17-(mod)

Hi Kristen,

Please see attached for your review and comments.

Thanks Tracy