



Cannabis Workgroup Meeting
Tuesday, September 26 at 4:30 PM
C. Vernon Gray Room (CVG)

George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Hybrid Meeting: CVG Room and Webex

AGENDA:

Welcome by Chair Adibe

Roll Call of Howard County Council Cannabis Workgroup Members

Approval of August 29th Meeting Minutes

Approval of J. Guzzone as Howard County Council Cannabis Workgroup Co-Chair

Old Business

Updates on Schedule for Site Visits – J. Guzzone and Paul Rivers

New Business

Howard County Council Cannabis Subgroup Updates

- **Equity Subgroup**
 - What are the mechanisms that the State is using to determine diversity?
 - Explore how Howard County can reinvest in communities/targeted areas most harmed by the past criminalization of cannabis.
 - Research best practices (short term and long term) of Social Equity Programs; provide recommendations to the Council for a program in Howard County.
- **Finance Subgroup**
 - If on-site consumption establishments are permitted, what is the role for Department of Finance?
 - What system is in place for Department of Finance to keep track of revenue received and disbursed?

- **Health Subgroup**
 - Research for the Council best practices for health and safety standards for the cultivation and distribution of cannabis; what should the Council lobby the State delegation for further existing authority as it relates to best practices?
 - Best practices and promotion of public health:
 - How to prevent underage use?
 - What safeguards should be in place to deter the misuse/addiction?
- **Legislative Subgroup**
 - Review State policies for Grower Licenses.
 - Research data for additional grower and processor licenses for the region.
- **Public Safety Subgroup**
 - Research current and best practices for when law enforcement performs routine traffic stops related to cannabis (presence of products and suspected ingestion).
 - Research current and best practices for law enforcement with consumption in public.
- **Zoning Subgroup**
 - Develop recommendations on appropriate zoning requirements for cannabis businesses/on-site consumption establishments.
 - Do different types of businesses need different zoning requirements?
 - Data from neighboring jurisdictions (What is being done for these types of businesses):
 - Data to reflect that the recommendations are not unduly burdening to the business (map example)
 - Data to show the zoning requirements are not more burdensome than those imposed on other similar business (example: alcohol and tobacco)

- Council Liaisons, Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) - Debrief

- MACo Fall Symposium - Cannabis & Counties: Discussions on Public Health, Workforce, Land Use, & Revenue on Thursday, October 19, 2023, from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

*Location: Anne Arundel County Professional, Firefighters Local 1563
(8684 Veterans Highway 4th Floor, Millersville, MD 21108)*

Upcoming Meeting Dates

•Tuesday, October 10th at 4:30 PM| Hybrid

•Tuesday, October 24th at 4:30 PM | Hybrid

Reminder: Howard County Council Cannabis Workgroup Public Hearing will be held on November 7th