

## City of Chicago



O2020-2841

## Office of the City Clerk

**Document Tracking Sheet** 

**Meeting Date:** 5/20/2020

Sponsor(s): Smith (43)

Type: Ordinance

Title: Call for Zoning Board of Appeals to defer approval of special

use applications for cannabis business establishments where notice of intent to initiate petition process to establish

restricted cannabis zone was filed with City Clerk

Committee(s) Assignment: Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards

## ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, The Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (410 ILCS 705/ et seq.) authorizes the legal voters of any precinct in a municipality with a population of over 500,000 to petition their local alderman to introduce an ordinance establishing the precinct as a "Restricted Cannabis Zone" in which all cannabis business establishments are prohibited; and

WHEREAS, Section 55-28(c) of the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act: requires that persons seeking to initiate the petition process submit to the City Clerk a notice of intent that includes a description of the potentially affected area and the scope of the restriction sought; provides that in order to be legally sufficient all signatures on the petition must be obtained within 90 days of the date on which the City Clerk posts the notice of intent online; and states that if the City Clerk rejects a petition as legally insufficient, a minimum of 12 months must elapse before a new notice of intent may be submitted for the same precinct; and

WHEREAS, On March 20, 2020, in response to the rapid spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the State, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-10 ("Stay-at-Home Order"), which went into effect on March 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., ordering Illinois residents to stay at home except for essential activities; and

WHEREAS, At the time the Stay-at-Home order was issued, several notices of intent to initiate the petition process to establish a Restricted Cannabis Zone had been posted by the City Clerk, meaning that petitions to establish Restricted Cannabis Zones were being circulated for signatures in various precincts across the City; once the Stay-at-Home Order went into effect, these petitioners became legally prohibited from circulating their petitions and were effectively precluded from obtaining the required number of signatures within the statutory 90-day circulation period; and

WHEREAS, In order to effectuate the legislative intent of Section 55-28 of the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act and to preserve the integrity of the democratic process in precincts where a notice of intent to initiate the petition process to establish a Restricted Cannabis Zone was posted by the City Clerk as of 5:00 p.m. on March 21, 2020, or is subsequently posted, it is imperative that the 90-day circulation period be tolled for the duration of Executive Order 2020-10 and for the duration of any similar Mayoral Order that may be enacted upon the expiration of Executive Order 2020-10, or any applicable Federal Order; now, therefore

## BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this ordinance as if fully set forth herein and are hereby declared to be the findings of the City Council of the City of Chicago.

**SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding any provision of the City Code to the contrary, including Section 17-14-0303-I, the Zoning Board of Appeals may not approve any applicable prospective and pending special use application for a cannabis business establishment contained within a precinct for which a notice of intent to initiate the petition process to establish a Restricted Cannabis Zone pursuant to the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (410 ILCS 705/55-28) has been filed with the City Clerk until 515 days after the running of the applicable 90-day circulation period set forth in 410 ILCS 705/55-28(c). This Section shall apply to any notice of intent to initiate the petition process to establish a Restricted Cannabis Zone posted by the City Clerk as of 5:00 pm on March 21, 2020, or are subsequently posted through the duration of Executive Order 2020-10, as now or hereinafter amended, and for the duration of any similar Mayoral Order that may be enacted upon the expiration of Executive Order 2020-10, or any applicable Federal Order.

**SECTION 3.** The City Clerk shall notify the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals of any notices of intent to initiate the petition process to establish a Restricted Cannabis Zone that were posted by the City Clerk as of 5:00 pm on March 21, 2020, or are subsequently posted through the duration of Executive Order 2020-10, as now or hereinafter amended, and for the duration of any similar Mayoral Order that may be enacted upon the expiration of Executive Order 2020-10, or any applicable Federal Order.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall take full force and effect upon passage and shall be retroactive to 5:00 pm on March 21, 2020.

MICHELE SMITH Alderman, 43rd Ward The following legislation is being introduced by Alderman Michele Smith regarding cannabis and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) co-sponsored by

Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 1	Alderman Ward 12
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 2	Alderman Ward 13
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 3	Alderman Ward 14
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 4	Alderman Ward 15
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 5	Alderman Ward 16
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 6	Alderman Ward 17
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 7	Alderman Ward 18
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 8	Alderman Ward 19
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 9	Alderman Ward 20
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 10	Alderman Ward 21
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 11	Alderman Ward 22
1   P a g o	

The following legislation is being introduced by Alderman Michele Smith regarding cannabis and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) co-sponsored by

Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 23	Alderman Ward 34
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 24	Alderman Ward 35
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 25	Alderman Ward 36
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 26	Alderman Ward 37
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 27	Alderman Ward 38
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 28	Alderman Ward 39
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 29	Alderman Ward 40
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 30	Alderman Ward 41
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 31	Alderman Ward 42
Click or tap here to enter text.	Michele Smith
Alderman Ward 32	Alderman Ward 43
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 33	Alderman Ward 44

The following legislation is being introduced by Alderman Michele Smith regarding cannabis and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) co-sponsored by

Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 45	Mayor Lightfoot
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Alderman Ward 46	Clerk Valencia
Click or tap here to enter text.	
Alderman Ward 47	
Click or tap here to enter text.	
Alderman Ward 48	
Click or tap here to enter text.	
Alderman Ward 49	
Click or tap here to enter text.	
Alderman Ward 50	