



JOINT PUBLIC HEARING OF JUNE 3, 2019

Monday evening, June 3, 2019. Joint Public Hearing of the City Council and Planning Board held in the City Council Chamber, Room 219, City Hall.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Scott Graves called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

CALL OF THE ROLL

City Clerk Alan Agnelli called the Roll of City Councillors. Eleven (10) members were present, including President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh.

The City Clerk called the Roll of Planning Board Members. Four (4) members were present including, Robert Bettez, Sr., Laura Casker, Mark Schafron, and Robert Swartz.

President Graves read aloud the Public Hearing Notice, as follows:

CITY OF GARDNER
NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING
MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS ZONING AMENDMENT

Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 5, notice is hereby given that the City Council and Planning Board will conduct a **Joint Public Hearing on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.** in the City Council Chamber, Room 219, City Hall, 95 Pleasant Street, Gardner, to consider amending Chapter 675-1070 Marijuana Establishments, of the Code of the City of Gardner, by deleting and repealing Subsection C (3) (a) in its entirety and by deleting from Subsection C (9) (c) the words "shall not exceed the number of registered medical marijuana treatment centers in Gardner engaged in the same type of activity and." All persons interested in this matter and desire to offer testimony are invited to attend the hearing.

ALAN L. AGNELLI
CITY CLERK

President Graves asked if any person in attendance wished to speak in favor of the proposed Ordinance amendment.

Community Development and Planning Director Trevor Beauregard, testifying on behalf of the Planning Board, stated that the Board found that Subsection C (3) (a), through every day use, was determined to be much too restrictive. He said that the clause was extracted from provisions of the Adult Entertainment Zoning District, citing non-conforming residential structures throughout the City that are within commercially and industrially-zoned areas.



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The second amendment clarifies Subsection C (9) (c) in order to maintain consistency with State regulations by not preventing the conversion of qualified medical marijuana treatment centers to marijuana establishments.

There being no others asking to testify, President Graves declared the Hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.

Accepted by the City Council: *June 17, 2019*