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### Recreational Marijuana: What Municipalities Need to Know

- Adult-Use of recreational marijuana was legalized on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021
- As a municipality, you have an important decision to make: **Do you want to allow retail dispensaries and on-site consumption locations within your town?**
- As a municipality, YOU MAKE THAT DECISION
  - County does not decide, the choice is the individual municipality's
- We as the SCSA Coalition/CAAFI are here as a resource for your town/village whether you decide to Opt-In or Opt-Out
  - We are a resource to this community, we are here to provide information on the legislation, Cannabis/Marijuana as a drug, and to answer any and all questions
  - If you decide as a community you want to Opt-In, we are here to help make sure you proceed responsibly
  - **The Office of Cannabis Management** is the state agency overseeing everything cannabis/marijuana (<https://cannabis.ny.gov/>)

#### Things You Need to Consider:

- Once you **Opt-In** (to allow retail dispensaries), **YOU ARE IN FOR GOOD!**
- If you **Opt-Out**, you can decide to Opt-In at a later date (**But again, once you're in, you're in**)
- If you Opt-Out, you lose all tax revenue generate from recreational sales
- Impact on the community, policing, and youth

#### If You Decide to Opt-In:

- Please do so responsibly
- That could look like:
  - Zoning is the best route to take
  - The legislation has zoning requirements built in
  - Dispensaries and On-site Consumption locations must be at least:
    - 500 feet from a school
    - 200 feet from a place of Worship
  - This is not very far in a community like ours (football field and a half)
  - This is a minimum requirement, but can be added onto
  - Zone dispensaries to "Adult-Use Districts" (Think of "Show World")
  - The idea of zoning is to limit foot traffic around dispensaries to avoid:
    - Youth traffic around dispensaries
    - Impulse purchases by someone who has not used (Limit experimentation)
  - Begin educational campaigns on the safe/proper storage of Cannabis/Marijuana products in the home
  - Promote safe/proper storage of marijuana products in the home

#### Important Dates:

- **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**- Adult-Use Recreational Marijuana signed into law by Governor Cuomo
- **December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**- Opt-out Deadline for municipalities
- **October 2022-March 2023**- Retail Dispensaries to begin sales
- **March 2024**- Home Cultivation begins