

Licenses

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago (the "City") is a home rule unit of government under Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and, as such, may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 – commonly known as the 2018 Farm Bill – legalized, but did not regulate, certain cannabinoid hemp products; and

WHEREAS, this lack of regulation has led to a proliferation of retailers selling essentially unregulated psychoactive cannabis, often containing significant quantities of delta-8 and delta-9 THC, with no safety regulations such as minimum age limits, testing, or truth in labeling requirements; and

WHEREAS, the unregulated products are often packaged and marketed in ways that are appealing or targeted to minors, with minors comprising over 40% of all hemp-related poisonings nationwide, despite making up just 22% of the population; and

WHEREAS, the within the residential communities along South Vincennes Avenue, including portions of the Grand Crossing and Chatham Community Areas, minors make up nearly a quarter of all residents; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health and safety of our residents, particularly our minors, the City Council desires to prohibit the sale of such unregulated cannabinoid hemp products in and around the Grand Crossing-Chatham Residential Area; now, therefore:

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

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted as the findings of the City Council.

SECTION 2. Section 4-4-331 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

4-4-331 Cannabinoid hemp products – Prohibited Areas.

(a) As used in this section:

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

"The Grand Crossing-Chatham Residential Area" means that portion of the City bounded as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad and 64th Street; thence east on 64th Street to Wells Street; thence southeast on Wells Street to Wentworth Avenue; thence north on Wentworth Avenue to the Chicago Skyway; thence southeast, continuing on the Chicago Skyway to Marquette Road; thence east on Marquette Road, continuing on 67th Street to Cottage Grove Avenue; thence south on Cottage Grove Avenue to 71st Street; thence west on 71st Street to the Chicago Skyway; thence southeast on the Chicago Skyway to 75th Street; thence west on 75th Street to Cottage Grove Avenue; thence south on Cottage Grove Avenue to 87th Street; thence west on 87th Street to Dr. Martin Luther King Junior Drive; thence south on Dr. Martin Luther King Drive to 90th Street; thence east on 90th Street to St. Lawrence Avenue; thence south on St. Lawrence Ave to 91st Street; thence west on 91st Street to Dr. Martin

Luther King Junior Drive; thence south on Dr. Martin Luther King Junior Drive to 95th Street; thence west on 95th Street to State Street; thence north on State Street to 84th Street; thence west on 84th Street to Wentworth Avenue; thence north on Wentworth Avenue to 83rd Street; thence west on 83rd Street to Vincennes Avenue; thence southwest on Vincennes Avenue to a line continuing east from 83rd Street; thence west along such line, continuing on 83rd Street to Halsted Street; thence north on Halsted Street to 80th Street; thence east on 80th Street to Emerald Avenue; thence north on Emerald Avenue to 79th Street; thence east on 79th Street to Princeton Avenue; thence south on Princeton Avenue to 81st Street; thence east on 81st Street to Lafayette Avenue; thence north on Lafayette Avenue to 79th Street; thence west on 79th Street to Perry Avenue; thence north on Perry Avenue to 77th Street; thence west on 77th Street to the alley west of Perry Avenue; thence north along such alley, following the alley to the left and continuing north to 76th Street; thence west on 76th Street to Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad; thence north along such railroad to 74th Street; thence west on 74th Street to Halsted Street; thence north on Halsted Street to 68th Street; thence east on 68th Street to Emerald Avenue; thence north on Emerald Avenue to Marquette Road; thence east on Marquette Road to Union Avenue; thence north on Union Avenue to 65th Street; thence east on 65th Street to Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad thence north along such railroad to the place of beginning.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(b) No licensee under this Code or their agent or employee shall possess, sell, offer for sale, give away, barter, exchange, or otherwise furnish on the licensed premises any cannabinoid hemp products, or engage in an act of concealment of cannabinoid hemp products on any licensed premises, within the Belmont Cragin-Hermosa Residential Area, the Grand-Crossing Chatham Residential Area, the Midway Residential Area, the Lake Calumet Residential Area, or the O'Hare Residential Area.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after passage and publication.

