

General Ordinance adding to Article V, Health, a new Section 1.5 Prohibition of Consumption or Ingestion of Marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinol (as defined in G.L. c. 94C, § 1, as amended), Cannabinoids or Products Containing the same in Public Places

1.5.1 Ingestion of marijuana in public places is prohibited

Smoking, ingesting, or otherwise using or consuming marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol (as defined in M.G.L. c. 94C, § 1, as amended), cannabinoids or products containing the same is hereby prohibited in Framingham in enclosed or outdoor space belonging to, or maintained by, healthcare facilities, public places, public transportation vehicles, retail stores, retail food stores, smoking bars, retail tobacco stores, membership associations also known as private clubs, food establishments licensed and/or permitted by the Board of Health of the City of Framingham, or bar rooms licensed and/or permitted by the Board of Health and/or the Board of Selectmen or City Council of the City of Framingham, in accordance with M.G.L.c. 270, §22, or while in or upon any street, sidewalk, public way, footway, passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, beach, recreation area, boat landing, pond, lake, river, waterway, public building, schoolhouse, school grounds, cemetery, parking lot, parking garage, or parking area or any area owned by or under the control of the town; or in or upon any bus or other passenger conveyance operated by a common carrier; or in any place accessible to the public.

1.5.2 Marijuana kept or cultivated for personal use shall be secured by lock

Marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol (as defined in M.G.L. c. 94C, § 1, as amended), cannabinoids or products containing the same shall be kept in a locked container. Marijuana plants cultivated for personal use shall be kept in an enclosed area that is secured by lock.

1.5.4 Non-criminal disposition

This Ordinance may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity including, but not limited to, enforcement by criminal indictment or complaint pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 21, or by noncriminal disposition pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 21D, by the Mayor, City Council, or their duly authorized agents, or any police officer. The fine for violation of this by-law shall be three hundred dollars (\$300) for each offense. Any penalty imposed under this by-law shall be in addition to any civil penalty imposed under M.G.L. c. 94C, § 32L.

1.5.5 [Reserved]