

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF CROMWELL

Please take notice that the Town Council of the Town of Cromwell on January 12, 2022 passed an ordinance amending the Code of the Town of Cromwell, Chapter 77, Article I Ordinance Prohibiting Use of Cannabis on Public Property.

This ordinance allows the municipality to regulate smoking, vaping or consuming marijuana or tobacco on municipally-owned or controlled property. Any violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of \$50.00 per offense.

Approved by the Legislative body for the Town of Cromwell at a meeting held on January 12, 2022.

This Ordinance shall become effective on February 14, 2022.

Copies of the ordinance may be found in the Town Clerk's Office and online at www.cromwellct.com

Dated at Cromwell, Connecticut this 14th day of January 2022.

Allan Spotts, Mayor

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For the Cromwell Town Council

CHAPTER: 77 TOBACCO/CANNABIS USE

ARTICLE I: ORDINANCE PROHIBITING USE OF CANNABIS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

§ 77-1. Authority

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to General Statutes Sections 7-148(c)(7)(H), as amended by Public Act 21-1 (June 2021 Special Session), Section 84, which allows municipalities to regulate activities deemed harmful to public health, including smoking, on municipally-owned or controlled property. Said law further allows a municipality to control smoking of tobacco or cannabis, including cannabis e-cigarette use (i.e., electronic delivery systems and vapor products), as well as and other types of cannabis use or consumption.

§ 77-2. Definitions

For purposes of this Chapter, the Town of Cromwell adopts the definitions used in Public Act 21-1 (June 2021 Special Session), as the same may be amended from time to time.

§ 77-3. Tobacco/Cannabis Product Use Prohibited on Public Property

It shall be unlawful for any person to use tobacco/cannabis or cannabis-derived products, regardless of form or manner of ingestion, on any public property located within, owned or controlled by the Town of Cromwell. This prohibition includes but is not limited to: the lighting or carrying of a lighted tobacco/cannabis or marijuana cigarette or cigar or pipe, vaping devices, use of a vaping device producing vapor of any cannabis product, or ingestion of a cannabis edible substance. Violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of \$50.00 per offense.

§ 77-4. Violations and Penalties - Sale, Gift, or Transfer of Cannabis Products on Public Property Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person, organization, entity, or any other party to sell, give, trade, or in any other way transfer cannabis products of any sort to another person, organization, entity, or other party on property within, owned or controlled by the Town of Cromwell. Such products include but are not limited to: cannabis or marijuana cigarettes or cigars or pipes, vaping devices and vaping substances, and edible substances. Violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of \$50.00 per offense.

§ 77-5. Exception

This ordinance shall not apply to public property located solely within an improved road right-of-way.

§ 77-6. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication of a summary of its provisions pursuant to Town of Cromwell Town Charter Article II, Section 2.11(b).

Effective date: February 14, 2022