



TOWN OF CROMWELL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022

The Town Council of the Town of Cromwell will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cromwell Town Hall Council Chambers, located at 41 West Street, Cromwell, CT for the following purpose:

To hear public comment regarding the adoption of new proposed ordinance: Ordinance Prohibiting Use of Cannabis on Public Property.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, 41 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut and online at www.cromwellct.com.

Dated at Cromwell, Connecticut this 28th day of December.

Allan Spotts, Mayor
For the Town Council

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CHAPTER _____ : TOBACCO/CANNABIS USE

ARTICLE I: ORDINANCE PROHIBITING USE OF CANNABIS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

_____ - **Section 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.

_____ - **Section 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.

_____ - **Section 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 carrying or ingestion of a cannabis edible substance. Violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of \$50.00 per offense.

_____ - **Section 4. 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.

_____ - **Section 5. Exception**

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

_____ - **Section 6. Effective Date**

This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication of a summary of its provisions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, §7-157(b).

Effective date: _____.