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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Re: Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management Annual Rulemaking Docket Notice to the Legislature pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §14.116(a)

Dear Legislators:

Minnesota Statutes §14.116(a) states:

By January 15 each year, each agency must submit its rulemaking docket maintained under section 14.366, and the official rulemaking record required under section 14.365 for any rule adopted during the preceding calendar year, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative policy and budget committees with jurisdiction over the subject matter of the proposed rule.

This letter will serve as our notice, as required.

#### **RULEMAKING DOCKET**

The Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management maintains a rulemaking docket on our public website at <a href="https://www.cannabis.mn.gov/rulemaking.html">https://www.cannabis.mn.gov/rulemaking.html</a>.

The current rulemaking docket is:

### Minnesota Adult-Use Cannabis

The Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) is using the expedited rulemaking process as authorized under Minnesota Statutes, section 342.02, subdivision 5, to adopt rules governing the adult-use cannabis industry in Minnesota. OCM is currently seeking public input as it begins its work to draft the new rules. This is an important step to create a safe, accessible, and reliable cannabis industry for Minnesotans 21 and older who choose to consume.

## Areas addressed through rulemaking

- Licensing license types, forms, procedures, required disclosures, felony disqualifications, limits on licenses held
- Social equity considerations
- Manufacturing and retail (facilities and operations)
- · Packaging and labeling
- Testing (laboratory approval, sampling, protocols, and standards)
- Expedited complaint process (for local governments)

- Integrated cannabis tracking, inventory, and verification system
- Environmental controls (odor limits, water use, energy use, solid waste disposal)
- Use of pesticides and fertilizers
- Others

### **Public Input**

OCM has been and will continue to gather input through surveys on a variety of topics as the agency begins drafting rules to ensure the rulemaking process is accessible to the widest possible range of community members, advocates, and partners who want to help shape how the rules are drafted. The surveys may be accessed through the OCM Rulemaking webpage. Here is schedule of the past, current, and upcoming surveys:

- Survey #1. Available Oct. 30-Nov. 30: cannabis cultivation, processing, and manufacturing
- Survey #2. Available Dec. 1-Dec. 14: Testing (laboratory approval, sampling, protocols, and standards); environmental controls (water, energy, waste, and odor); and use of pesticides and fertilizers
- Survey #3. Available Dec. 15-Dec. 28: Retail business operations; retail sanitary standards (facilities and handling); and expedited complaint process for local governments
- Survey #4. Available Dec.29-Jan. 12, 2024: Packaging and labeling; and integrated cannabis tracking, inventory, and verification system
- Survey #5. Available Jan. 13-Jan. 26, 2024: Licensing; and social equity considerations
- Survey #6. Available Jan. 29-Feb. 11, 2024: Laboratory standards; and edible products standards
- Survey #7. Available Feb. 12-26, 2024: Medical cannabis and patient registry program

OCM has been using the survey results and consulting with experts at other state agencies to inform the rule drafting.

# **Anticipated timeline**

OCM expects to publish a Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules in the fall of 2024. OCM will post timeline updates on the OCM Rulemaking webpage. OCM also maintains a listserv for <u>rulemaking email alerts</u>.

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Sincerely,

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