



DENVER
THE MILE HIGH CITY

**Denver City Council
Special Issues: MJ Committee
March 4, 2019**

STATE OF COLORADO:

- Expand Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Pilot – Opioid-dependent patients (SB-001)
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment in Criminal Justice System ([SB19-008](#))
- MMJ Condition Opiates Prescribed For ([SB19-013](#))
- Medical Marijuana – Autism ([HB19-1028](#))
- Child Patient More Than 1 Primary Caregiver ([HB19-1031](#))
- Public School Cap Construction Financial Assistance ([HB19-1055](#))
- Updates to Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act ([HB19-1076](#)) – *Likely to be a carve out for marijuana*
- Measures to Allow Greater Investment Flexibility ([HB19-1090](#))
- Cannabis Hospitality Licenses (TO COME)
- Delivery (TO COME)
- Medical and Retail MJ Sunset (TO COME)

Colorado Legislative Updates courtesy of the Marijuana Industry Group.

CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER:

- Applications submitted for special event permits
- Vape & Play closed
- Social consumption ordinance sunset repeal (10-1 vote)

- Compliance with the Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act
- No consumption visibility to the public or from a place where children congregate
- No advertising visibility to the public or from a place where children congregate
- Required Needs & Desires Hearing (or by request for Special Events)
- Required neighborhood support
- 1000-foot distance requirement from schools (and daycare centers, recreation centers, outdoor pools, and drug and alcohol treatment facilities)
- Cannot be located in a residential zone district or on publicly-owned property
- Application and permitting fees
- No co-location with a liquor license
- No dual/poly consumption
- Age restrictions (21+)
- Cap of 10 events/individual/year
- Building & operational requirements (proper signage indicating where the DCA is located, responsible operations plan, Odor Control Plan, health & sanitation plan, employee training plan, waste removal plan, designated consumption area plan, community engagement plan)

Social Consumption Area Task Force

Report Recommendations

Distance Requirements

Recommendation 1: Maintain all the current 1000-foot setbacks, but allow applicants to seek an exception to a distance requirement by showing support from the subject of the setback. For example, if an applicant meets all requirements, but falls short of the 1000-foot setback from a daycare, the applicant can seek a letter of support or non-opposition from the daycare thereby granting an exception. The letter would remain on file with Excise & Licenses and would not need to be resubmitted on an annual basis.

OR

Recommendation 2: Honor the will of the voters by adhering to the distance requirements that were set forth in the ballot language (1000 feet from schools) and removing the additional distance requirements added by Excise & Licenses (1000 feet from day cares, treatment centers and pools/recreation centers.)

NEXT COUNCIL SPECIAL ISSUES: MARIJUANA COMMITTEE

MONDAY, MARCH 18

1:30 – 3 PM

CITY & COUNTY BUILDING, ROOM 391

PROPOSED AGENDA:

- State legislative update
- Continue variance discussion
- Begin discussion on special event permits for social consumption