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Kane County Board Adopts Ordinances Allowing for Adult Use Cannabis Businesses in the Unincorporated Areas

The Kane County Board on Tuesday (April 13, 2021) passed two ordinances paving the way for adult use cannabis business establishments in unincorporated areas of Kane County.

Kane County Board Chairman Corinne Pierog said the new ordinances have the potential to bring high-paying jobs, small-business growth and an infusion of new economic activity and revenues.

“Tuesday’s action is a signal to small businesses and growers interested in locating in Kane County that we’re open for business,” she said. “Kane County’s population of over 530,000, close proximity to Chicago and regional markets, multiple transportation routes, and a strong agricultural business sector makes Kane County an ideal Midwest location.”

On Tuesday, the County Board rescinded an ordinance that prohibited such businesses, which was adopted in November of 2019. It also passed an ordinance adopting text amendments to the Kane County Zoning Ordinance defining reasonable regulations for adult use cannabis business establishments in the unincorporated areas of Kane County.

The ordinances go into effect immediately.

Pierog emphasized that cannabis-related businesses in Kane County’s unincorporated areas will be licensed and closely regulated by the State of Illinois. These businesses include state licensed cultivation centers, craft growers, processing organizations, infusers, transporters, and dispensaries.

The state of Illinois law allowing adult use cannabis business establishments went into effect on Jan. 1, 2020. The Kane County Board also recently amended ordinances establishing a County Cannabis Retailers’ Occupation Tax for sales of cannabis, other than medical cannabis, within the unincorporated areas of Kane County at a rate of 3.75% and within the incorporated areas of Kane County at a rate of 3%.

The text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance include reasonable zoning regulations pertaining to state licensed cultivation centers, craft growers, processing organizations, infusers, transporters, and dispensaries. These businesses are licensed by the state of Illinois and are included as special uses in certain zoning districts.

Also included are regulations regarding setbacks, hours of operations, advertising signage and the number of dispensary businesses.

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