

NVCOG STAFF REFERRAL REPORT

TO: Planning and Zoning Commission, Town Council, Acting Town Planner, Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG) Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Representatives

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MUNICIPALITY: Southington
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DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: August 17, 2021
TYPE OF REFERRAL: Zoning Regulation Amendment
APPLICANT: Town of Southington

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

The Town of Southington is proposing a prohibition of retail recreational cannabis/marijuana establishments. There are two actions in this referral:

Action 1. Add “Cannabis/Marijuana” and “Retail Recreational Cannabis/Marijuana Establishment” as definitions.

Cannabis/Marijuana is proposed to be defined “as defined in Section 21a-240 of the Connecticut General Statutes.”

Retail Recreational Cannabis/Marijuana Establishment is proposed to be defined as “means a producer, dispensary facility, cultivator, micro-cultivator, retailer, hybrid retailer, cannabis food and beverage manufacturer, cannabis product manufacturer, cannabis product packager as defined in the June 2021 Connecticut Public Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulations of Adult-Use Cannabis (Senate Bill No. 1201).”

Action 2. Prohibit Retail Recreational Cannabis/Marijuana Establishment as a Use.

The proposed zoning amendment would prohibit retail recreational cannabis/marijuana establishment buildings, structures, and uses in all zoning districts.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The NVCOG staff finds that the proposed amendment to the Town of Southington Zoning Regulations to not present any inter-municipal impacts or regional significance.

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This staff recommendation is transmitted as written above unless we receive comments or objections within five days of the time you receive this proposal. If objections cannot be resolved within the scope of the original recommendations, you may submit a reconsideration request to the Regional Planning Commission for further discussion of the findings.

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