



MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 21, 2023  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
 Dave Perrault, City Administrator  
**FROM:** Julie Hanson, Assistant to the City Administrator/City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Smoking/Vaping and Cannabis Public Use Discussion

Budgeted Amount:	Actual Amount:	Funding Source:
N/A	N/A	N/A

**For Council Consideration**

Council should consider providing direction on ordinance language pertaining to use of THC/Cannabis products in public spaces.

**Background**

In light of the recent cannabis law, staff is requesting direction on whether or not the City Council wishes to address THC (lower potency edibles) and Adult Use Cannabis (full strength) product consumption on City park property as well as in public spaces (City-owned streets, sidewalks, parking lots, open spaces/outdoor gathering spaces, etc.). Council could choose to ban the smoking of cannabis in public spaces only or include edibles as well.

As City Code is currently, smoking is prohibited within a park shelter itself and not on park property as a whole; however, it has been the City of Arden Hills’ policy and practice to prohibit smoking/vaping on park property (the parks do have signage to this effect). Staff is requesting direction from the City Council regarding a potential ordinance amendment to further define smoking/vaping on City park property.

Attached are examples from the City of Maple Grove and the City of Northfield, both of which recently adopted ordinance amendments pertaining to prohibiting public use.

**Budget Impact**

N/A

**Attachments**

- A: City of Maple Grove Ordinances (2)
- B: City of Northfield Ordinance