

**City of Gem Lake, Ramsey County, Minnesota  
Cannabis & CBD Sales & Distribution  
Ordinance No. 139**

**AN INTERIM ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ACCEPTANCE OR CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR NEW CANNABIS AND CANNABIDIOL SALES, TESTING, MANUFACTURING AND DISTRIBUTION FOR ONE YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, many cities have adopted Interim Ordinances or regulations on aspects of planning and zoning regulation to study their impacts and determine whether the regulations are appropriate in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare of their citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is undertaking a study to effectuate changes to the Zoning Ordinance and City Code that would regulate the sales, testing, manufacturing and distribution of cannabis and cannabidiol (CBD) for medical, recreational and other purposes and may implement many of the suggestions from the study.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 462.355, Subdivision 4, the City Council of Gem Lake does ordain:

**Section 1.** No applications related to the license, use, development, variances, conditional use permits or any other planning licensing applications that involves the sales, testing, manufacturing or distribution of cannabis, medical or recreational, in any way, and cannabidiol products shall be accepted or considered for twelve (12) months from the effective date of this Ordinance or until ordinances regulating such uses become effective, whichever occurs first.

**Section 2.** City Staff is directed to conduct a study to gather information and make a recommendation to determine how Zoning Ordinance and City Code need to be amended regarding this use to better protect the citizens of the City of Gem Lake.

**Section 3. Summary Publication.** Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 412.191, in the care of a lengthy Ordinance, a summary may be published. While a copy of the entire Ordinance is available without cost at the office of the City Clerk, the following summary is approved by the City Council and shall be published in lieu of publishing the entire Ordinance:

The City will be undergoing a study regarding CBD and cannabis uses. No zoning or licensing applications will be accepted until the City adopts regulations regarding these uses, or for a period of one (1) year, whichever occurs first.

**Section 4. Effective Date and Expiration Date.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law and shall expire upon adoption of Ordinances regulating such uses or twelve (12) months from its effective date, whichever comes first.

Approved this 16th day of August, 2022

APPROVED:

*Gretchen Artig-Swomley*  
Gretchen Artig-Swomley, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Melissa Lawrence*  
Melissa Lawrence, Acting City Clerk