



Onsite Cannabis Consumption Workshop

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Management**



Onsite Consumption in Sacramento

- No on-site consumption allowed, *except*
- Consumption may occur as part of a cannabis event at Cal Expo

Onsite Consumption: State Law

- Have to be a licensed cannabis retailer
- Even at an event, only a cannabis retailer can provide cannabis for onsite consumption
- Cannabis must be “finished”, meaning packaged as it was delivered to retailer
 - No restaurants that incorporate cannabis into the food on-site.
- Daily purchase limits apply
- No free samples
- Cannabis events that allow consumption are only allowed at county fairgrounds, district agricultural association premises, or at another venue expressly approved by a local jurisdiction
- No sales of alcohol or tobacco allowed
 - Appears that ABC licensees cannot currently hold cannabis events

Policy Arguments for Cannabis Consumption Areas:

- Equity
 - Renters/unhoused/visitors can't smoke cannabis in public, in hotel rooms, or in many rental units
 - Potential permit opportunity for CORE participants
- Analogous to brewpubs
 - Place for adults to socialize
 - Place to consume cannabis away from minors at home
- Revenue
 - Create regional draw and cannabis tourism that will impact more than just cannabis economic sector
 - Could be additional tax revenue for City

Policy Arguments Against Cannabis Consumption Areas

- “Normalizes” cannabis use
 - Better for it to be out of the “shadows” since it’s legal, ok’d by voters and city council
 - If not regulated, then can result in encouraging underground consumption spaces with untested product because it’s the only place to go
 - Work to present strong message against youth consumption and consumption by pregnant people, while allowing choice for adults
- Impaired driving concerns, no “breathalyzer” developed yet
 - Mandatory training for sellers/servers on signs of impairment?
 - Time limit
 - Offer discounted ride-share/public transit pass?
 - Social host laws?
 - These are similar to issues faced with businesses serving alcohol

Policy Arguments Against Cannabis Consumption Areas

- Encourages smoking/vaping
 - Could only allow edible- and drinkable-only consumption lounges/cafes
 - Require stringent air exchange and filtering for consumption rooms
- Encourages consumption of untested cannabis from underground marketplace (like bringing your own snacks to the movies)
 - Require consumption space to be attached to dispensary and only products purchased there can be consumed there
 - Require that all cannabis and product are in sealed packages from licensed businesses, if stand-alone consumption space?

Types of Consumption Areas: Lounges

- Smoking/vaping/edibles attached to storefront
- Edible-only consumption attached to storefront
- Edible-only Café (consume on site, no or limited to-go products)

- Permanent, brick and mortar
- State classifies as “retail”
- Local approval/permitting required

Types of Consumption Areas: Events

- Temporary (up to 4 consecutive days)
- Need licensed retailer at a permitted temporary event put on by a temporary event organizer
- Smoking/vaping indoors could be an issue
- Pre-designated locations or event by event designation by City Council

Types of Consumption Areas: Mobile Lounge

- “Party bus” (currently only in Colorado?)
 - Driver completely separated from people in the bus
 - Deals with impaired driving risk
 - Could lead to nuisance activity

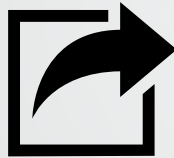


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