



RPT 20-253

TITLE: Bylaw 19 of 2020 - Limit of 3 Cannabis Retail Stores

DATE: June 17, 2020

TO: City Council

PUBLIC: X

INCAMERA:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Bylaw 19 of 2020, to limit the number of Cannabis Retail Stores in Prince Albert to 3, receive first Reading
2. That Administration be Authorized to proceed with Public Notice

TOPIC & PURPOSE:

To limit the number of Cannabis Retail Stores in Prince Albert to three

BACKGROUND:

As per a Government of Saskatchewan Media release, dated October 29, 2019:

“In September 2020, SLGA will begin accepting permit applications for stores in all communities in the province. Communities may opt out of having cannabis retail stores in their community. Interested businesses and individuals will continue to be required to meet SLGA’s permitting requirements including a good character check, inventory tracking and store security. Applicants will also need to meet local municipal requirements, including zoning.”

City Council, at its meeting of December 9, 2019 approved the following motion through Resolution No. 0532.

“That Administration provide a report to City Council on the viability and/or possibility of The City restricting the number of Cannabis Retailers in the City.”

City Council, at its meeting of June 1, 2020 approved the following motion through Resolution No. 0254.

“That the Director of Planning and Development Services bring back a Bylaw restricting the number of Cannabis Stores within the City to three (3).”

PROPOSED APPROACH AND RATIONALE:

In accordance with Section 14 of the Zoning Bylaw, a cannabis retail store is defined as:

“a building, or a portion thereof, regulated by provincial legislation, used to display and sell cannabis, cannabis products, and may include the sale and display of related accessories and ancillary items;”

Cannabis Retail Stores are currently allowed in C1 – Downtown Commercial, C2 – Service Commercial, C3 – Arterial Commercial, C4 – Highway Commercial Zones

There are currently 2 Cannabis Retail Stores operation in Prince Albert along 2nd Avenue West

As per the provincial October, 2019 media release, as of September 2020, Cities will not be limited by the Province in the number of Cannabis Retail Stores that they are able to permit. However, this being said, Prince Albert City Council would like to manage the number of these businesses and has therefore requested that Administration propose a bylaw to allow no more than three.

Section (3)(d)(ii) of the Cities Act States:

“Without restricting the generality of subsection (1), a power to pass bylaws given by this Act is to be interpreted as including the power to do all or any of the following:

limit the number of businesses in a particular class of business that may operate”

In consideration of the above information, administration has developed Bylaw 19 of 2020 which will limit the number of Cannabis Retail Stores in Prince Albert to 3.

CONSULTATIONS:

Administration discussed these proposed amendments with the SLGA Director of Cannabis Licensing and they are in support of the proposed amendment.

COMMUNICATION AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENT PLAN:

The Director of Planning and Development will reach out to current license holders to apprise them of the change.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

An additional Cannabis Retail Store will generate a \$20,000 licensing fee for the 1st year and \$100 per year thereafter.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS/IMPLICATIONS:

There are no Policy Implications, Privacy Implications, Official Community Plan implications or Options to the Recommendation

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The Strategic Plan identifies Sustainable Growth as one of its strategic goals:

“The City will anticipate, encourage and prepare for growth and be responsive to the needs of our community”

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Public Notice is required for consideration of this matter, pursuant to Section 10 of Bylaw No. 24 of 2015. The following will be provided:

1. Notice of the matter to be published in the Prince Albert Daily Herald
2. Notice of the matter to be posted to the bulletin board at City Hal
3. Notice of the matter to be posted on the City’s website

PRESENTATION:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bylaw 19 of 2020

Written by: Director of Planning and Development Services

Approved by: City Manager