



RESOLUTION 2026-160

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CANNABIS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Manville has previously adopted ordinances prohibiting the operation of cannabis establishments, distributors, manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, delivery services, and other cannabis-related businesses within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council recognize that the cannabis industry, related state regulations, municipal taxation opportunities, zoning considerations, and community impacts continue to evolve; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council desire to undertake a comprehensive review of the Borough's current prohibition on cannabis businesses and evaluate whether modifications to the Borough Code may be appropriate and beneficial to the Borough and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council find it to be in the best interests of the Borough to establish an advisory committee to review relevant information and provide recommendations concerning cannabis-related policies and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Council of the Borough of Manville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby established a Cannabis Advisory Committee ("Committee") for the Borough of Manville. The Committee shall serve solely in an advisory capacity and shall make recommendations to the Mayor and Borough Council regarding cannabis-related policies and regulations. This committee is established through December

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Committee shall be to review and evaluate the Borough's existing prohibition on cannabis businesses and provide recommendations to the Mayor and Borough Council regarding potential amendments to the Borough Code and related policies.

The Committee's review may include, but shall not be limited to:

- a. Whether the Borough's current prohibition on cannabis businesses should remain in effect;
- b. Whether certain classes or categories of cannabis licenses permitted under New Jersey law should be allowed within the Borough;
- c. Appropriate zoning districts and land use requirements for any permitted cannabis businesses;
- d. Security, public safety, and operational requirements;
- e. Municipal licensing and application procedures;
- f. Host community agreements, fees, and local taxation authorized by state law;
- g. Impacts on residents, businesses, schools, and public facilities;
- h. Regulatory best practices adopted by other municipalities; and
- i. Any other matters related to cannabis businesses that the Committee deems relevant to its review.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP

The Committee shall consist of the following members:

1. The Borough Administrator, who shall serve as Chairperson;

2. Three (3) members of the Borough Council recommended by Buildings and Grounds and appointed by the Council;
3. The Chief of the Police Department or a representative designated by the Chief of Police;
4. The Borough Attorney or his/her designee;
5. One (1) representative from the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, or Borough land use staff, as appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of council; and
6. Such additional municipal officials, professionals, or subject matter experts as may be invited by the Committee to participate in an advisory capacity.

SECTION 4. DUTIES

The Committee shall:

- a. Conduct meetings as necessary to review applicable laws, regulations, and municipal policies;
- b. Solicit information from municipal departments, professionals, and other stakeholders as deemed appropriate;
- c. Review zoning, public safety, financial, and administrative considerations associated with cannabis businesses;
- d. Evaluate the potential benefits and impacts of permitting cannabis-related businesses within the Borough; and
- e. Prepare and submit written findings and recommendations to the Mayor and Borough Council.

SECTION 5. REPORTING

The Committee shall provide periodic updates to the Mayor and Borough Council and shall submit a final written report containing its findings and recommendations to the Mayor and Borough Council no later than December 31, 2026.

SECTION 6. ADVISORY NATURE

The Committee shall have no independent authority to enact regulations, approve applications, issue licenses, or bind the Borough in any manner. All decisions regarding cannabis-related ordinances, zoning amendments, licensing requirements, taxation, and municipal policies shall remain within the sole discretion of the Mayor and Borough Council.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.