

Welcome

Open House July 4, 2018: Recreational Cannabis Regulations



The purpose of this Open House is to:

- Share information on proposed regulations for recreational cannabis in the City of Courtenay
- Gather feedback and community input on how regulations should be implemented and enforced

Have your say!

Paper surveys are available at the door. The survey will also be available online starting July 5, 2018 :

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General Provincial Regulations

British Columbia's top priorities are protecting young people, promoting health and safety, keeping the criminal element out of cannabis, keeping our roads safe, and supporting economic development.

Use of non-medical cannabis in public spaces will generally be allowed in B.C. where tobacco smoking and vaping are permitted, however:

- Smoking and vaping non-medical cannabis banned in areas frequented by children, bus stops and other places;
- All use of cannabis banned for all occupants in operating vehicles;
- Landlords and strata councils can restrict at tenanted and strata properties; and
- **Local governments able to set additional restrictions.**

Personal Cultivation up to four non-medical cannabis plants per household will be allowed in B.C., however:

- The plants must not be visible from public spaces off the property;
- Banned in dwellings with daycares; and
- Landlords and strata councils can restrict or prohibit home cultivation.

The minimum age to possess, purchase and consume cannabis in B.C. will be 19.

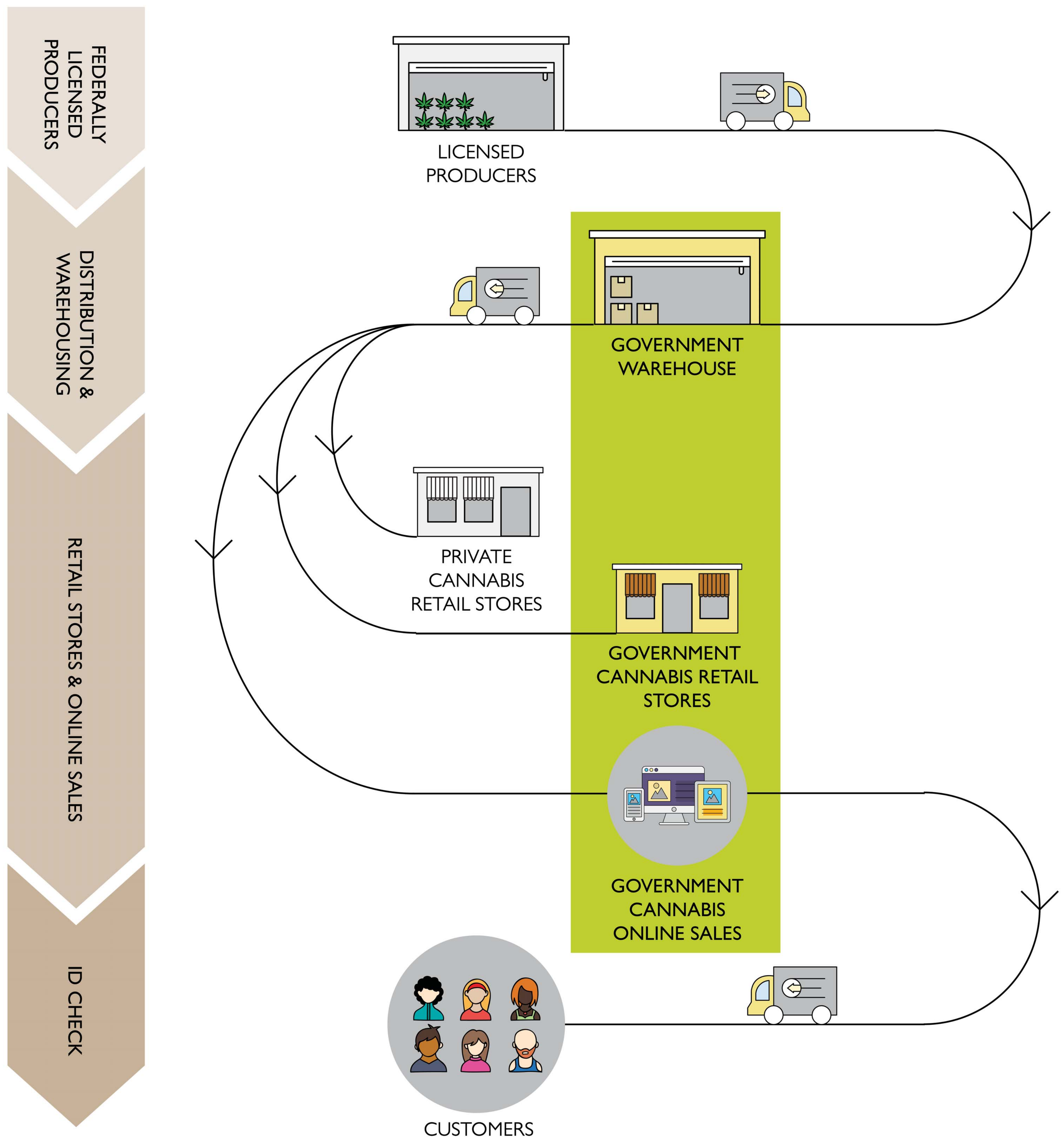
Possession in a public place of up to 30 grams will be allowed for adults aged 19+.

Drug impaired driving will continue to be illegal in B.C. and the Province will:

- Increase law enforcement training;
- Add a new 90-day driving prohibition for drug affected driving; and
- Extend the Graduated Licensing Program's current zero alcohol tolerance restrictions to THC (the primary active chemical in cannabis).



Production & Distribution



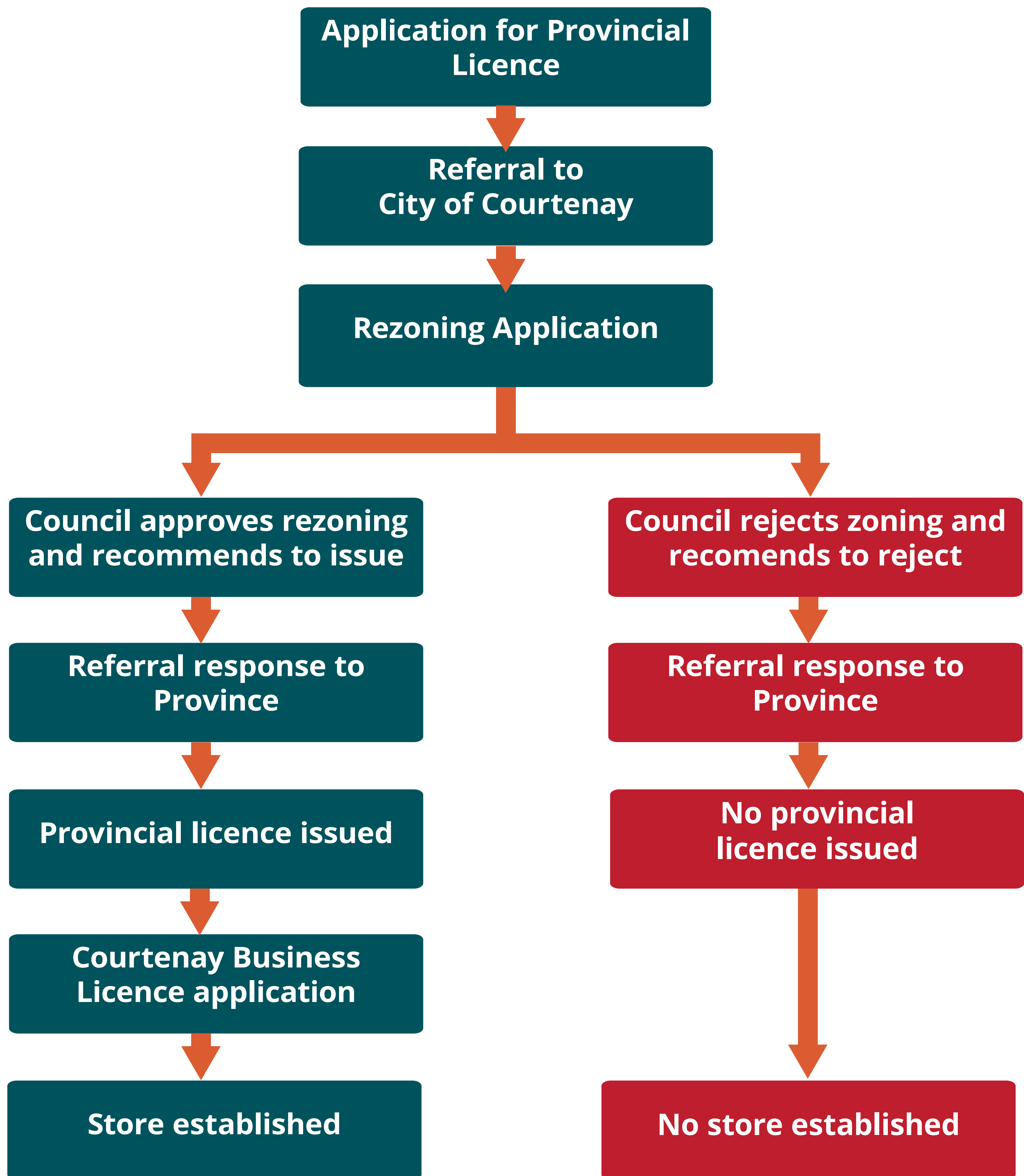
 TO BE MANAGED BY BC LIQUOR DISTRIBUTION BRANCH'S NEW CANNABIS OPERATIONS

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Cannabis Retail Application Process



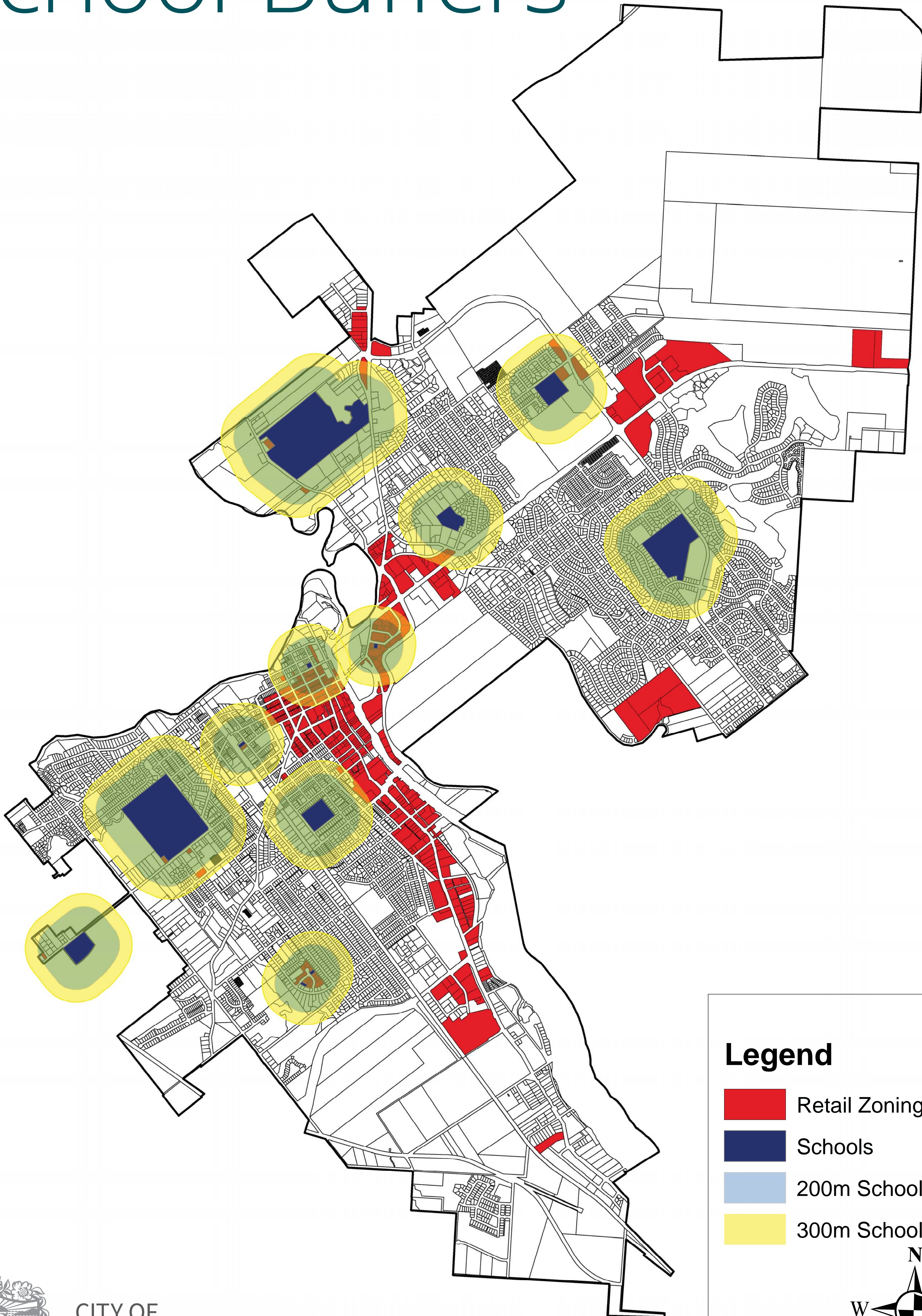
Proposed Policy

Rezoning Considerations:

- 1.** Storefront cannabis retailers will **only be considered in an established retail location** where the current zoning permits retail sales.
- 2.** A storefront cannabis retailer should be:
 - **At least 300m** (in a straight line from closest lot line to closest lot line) **from a public or independent preschool, elementary, middle or secondary school** including the Comox Valley Child Development Association.
 - **At least 400m** (in a straight line from closest lot line to closest lot line) **from another lot where a storefront cannabis retailer is permitted**, whether or not a store is active on that lot.
- 3.** Cannabis sales are **not permitted at special events, public markets or farmers markets.**
- 4.** This policy does **not limit Council from considering variances to the separation distances** noted in (2) based on circumstances related to a specific application.
- 5.** The **off-street parking requirements applicable to retail stores** as outlined in Division 7 of Zoning Bylaw 2500, 2007 and amendments thereto will apply to storefront cannabis retailers.
- 6.** **Only one storefront cannabis retailer will be allowed per lot.**
- 7.** **The maximum number of storefront cannabis retailers in the City is five (5).**

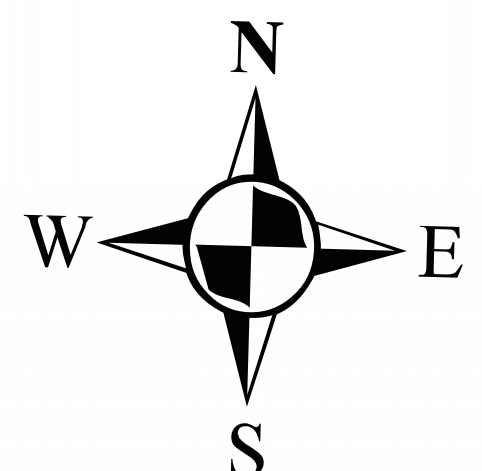


Retail Permitted & School Buffers



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-  Retail Zoning
-  Schools
-  200m School Buffer
-  300m School Buffer



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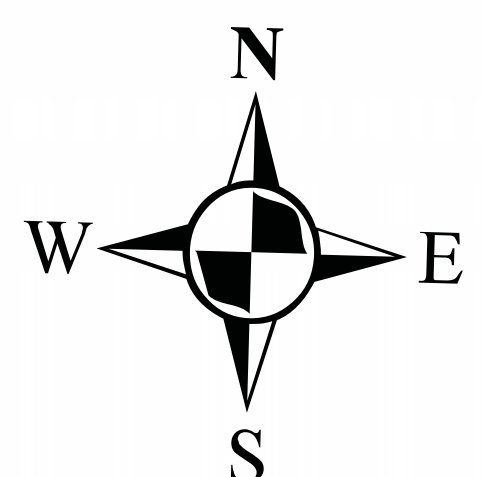
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Retail Permitted, Daycares & Parks



Legend

-  Retail Zoning
-  Daycares
-  Parks



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Comparison Table

Regulation	Vancouver (Medical)	Port Alberni (Medical)	Victoria	Nelson (Under consideration)	Port Hardy (Under consideration)	Calgary (Proposed)	Edmonton (Under consideration)	Washington State (Default)
Buffer Distance								
Other Cannabis Sale	300m	1,000m	400m	300m		300m	200m	300m (1,000ft)
School	300m	300m	200m	150m-500m		150m	200m	300m (1,000ft)
Community Centre	300m			150m-500m				
Youth Facility Serving Vulnerable Youth	300m							
Recreation Centre							100m (City rec. ctr.)	300m (1,000ft)
Park				150m-500m				300m (1,000ft)
Playground							100m	300m (1,000ft)
Daycare							150m (licensed)	300m (1,000ft)
Library							100m	300m (1,000ft)
Provincial Healthcare Facility							100m	
Municipal and School Reserve Parcel						100m		
Emergency Shelter						150m		
Public Transit Centre								300m (1,000ft)
Game Arcade (where minors allowed)								300m (1,000ft)
Other Considerations								
Rezoning required			✓	unknown	✓			unknown-various
Distance Flexibility			can consider variances			can reduce, but only 10% for schools		can reduce to 30m (100ft) except schools and public playgrounds
Hours of Operation (Provincially 9am-11pm, municipalities may further restrict)	8am-10pm	8am-8pm	7am-9pm	possibly close by 8pm		unexamined (different regulatory contexts)		
Capped # of Stores				possibly 4 - 9+ or no cap				
Air Filtration System			✓	no information at time of research				
Minimum of Two Employees On Site	✓		✓					
Video Surveillance Cameras	✓	✓	✓					
Security and Fire Alarm System	✓	✓	✓					
Secure Storage of valuables	✓		✓					
Good Neighbour Agreement	✓							
License Fee	\$1,000 or \$30,000	\$550	\$5,000					
Development Permit/ Rezoning Fee	\$5,100 max DP		\$7,500					

Business Licence

Cannabis products must not be visible from outside the store and advertising must comply with federal laws.

- Federal advertising laws generally protect against advertising appealing to children or conveying misinformation

Stores may operate 9am-11pm

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In-store consumption and samples will be prohibited

Stores may sell up to 30 grams of dried cannabis per customer

- Or the equivalent in other cannabis products

Only non-medical cannabis and cannabis accessories may be sold in Cannabis retail stores:

- (specifically dried cannabis, cannabis oils and seeds that comply with federal requirements);
- Cannabis edibles and medical cannabis not permitted though may be at later dates;
- Sales of alcohol, pharmaceuticals, snacks, tobacco, or other non-cannabis related items will be prohibited and the cannabis retail must be a self-contained business

Pricing policy work is ongoing

Inventory must be stored onsite

- Local governments may impose security requirements



Steps

