

Cannabis: Selling or Growing in Orillia

What do I need to know?

Selling

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario is the provincial regulator authorized to grant store licences and make sure stores sell recreational cannabis safely, responsibly and lawfully. The Ontario Cannabis Store is the exclusive wholesaler to these stores.

A guide to the laws, regulations, eligibility requirements and licensing and application process for recreational cannabis retail stores in Ontario:

<https://www.agco.ca/cannabis/guides/cannabis-retail-regulation-guide>

This guide is provided as a courtesy to potential applicants of retail cannabis licenses and authorizations. Every effort has been made to ensure its accuracy; however, applicants should always consult the relevant legislation, regulations, and standards before proceeding.

For further information and who to contact, please visit the Province of Ontario website:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/cannabis>

Provided you have received approval from the Provincial Government, the City of Orillia permits the use as a Retail Store in the following Zones:

Commercial Zones

- ✓ Main Street Commercial (C1)
- ✓ Neighbourhood Commercial (C2)
- ✓ Arterial Commercial (C3)
- ✓ Mixed Use Intensification (C4)
- ✓ Community Commercial (C5)

Downtown Shoulder Zones

- ✓ Downtown Shoulder Two (DS2)

Residential Zones

- ✓ Residential Two- Intensification Area (R2i)
- ✓ Residential Three- Intensification Area (R3i)
- ✓ Residential Four- Intensification Area (R4i)
- ✓ Residential Five- Intensification Area (R5i)

Growing

You need to be licensed by Health Canada to be able to grow cannabis for sale. Cannabis Licensing Application Guide:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-medication/cannabis/industry-licensees-applicants/licensing-summary.html>

For further information and who to contact, please visit the Government of Canada website:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-medication/cannabis.html>

Upon receiving a licence from Health Canada, the City of Orillia permits the growing of cannabis as a Light Industry use in the following Industrial Zones:

- ✓ Industrial One, Light Industrial (M1)
- ✓ Industrial Two, General Industrial (M2)
- ✓ Industrial Three, Business Park Industrial (M3)

(Please see additional restrictions pursuant to S. 52 of the Delegated Authority By-law (Chap. 251) on reverse)

Note: Under the Ontario Building Code Act, you must obtain a building permit to construct or alter any structure greater than 10 square metres (108 square feet) in area or to install plumbing. You will also have to go through the Site Plan Control process to construct a new or expand an existing building.

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Pursuant to S. 52 of the Delegated Authority By-law (Chap. 251) of the City of Orillia Municipal Code, cannabis retail stores must comply with the following:

“Council hereby identifies and believes it is not in the public interest for any cannabis retail store to be located within 150 metres of the following uses:

- *Other cannabis retail store;*
- *Elementary, secondary, post- secondary, and private schools;*
- *Public parks;*
- *City-owned recreational establishments;*
- *Child care centres;*
- *Libraries (public);*
- *Medical clinics used to provide addiction treatment services; and*
- *Facilities that provide tutoring services to persons under 19 years of age.*

The 150 metre distance shall be measured by a straight line between the closest point of the proposed retail space to the following point:

- *If the use is the primary use or only use of a building or property, 150 metres shall be measured from the property line of the property on which the use is located.*
- *If the use is not the primary use or only use of a building or property, 150 metres shall be measured from the boundary of any space occupied by the use within the building.*

Council also hereby identifies and believes it is not in the public interest for any cannabis retail store to be:

Operated on a property not zoned to permit a retail store, or accessory or ancillary retail store.”