

## 23 ZC 3 - Town of Montville PZC Proposed Draft Zoning Regulation Amendment Application to Amend Section 21.A.2.3 (Cannabis Moratorium - Effective Date)

### 21A.2 CANNABIS MORATORIUM

The Connecticut General Assembly has passed legislation that legalizes adult use of cannabis in the State of Connecticut. The Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 420h, §21a-420 to 21a-429 contains provisions allowing municipalities to prohibit or place reasonable restrictions on cannabis establishments.

This temporary and limited-term moratorium has been adopted to provide the Montville Planning & Zoning Commission with the time necessary to develop regulations for cannabis establishments that meet statutory responsibilities and promote the public's general health, safety and welfare and/or to consider a ban on cannabis establishments.

#### 1. DEFINITIONS

- a. **Cannabis.** Marijuana as defined in Section 21a-240 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- b. **Cannabis Establishment.** A producer, dispensary facility, cultivator, micro-cultivator, retailer, hybrid retailer, food and beverage manufacturer, product manufacturer, product packager. Each one of these cannabis establishments has the same definition as set forth in Connecticut General Statutes Section 21A-420(1).

2. **Applicability.** During this temporary moratorium, cannabis establishments/uses shall be prohibited in the Town of Montville and any application shall be denied by the Zoning Commission or Zoning Enforcement Officer to establish a cannabis establishment/use.

3. **Effective Date/Term.** This temporary and limited moratorium, that originally became effective on May 1, 2023 through November 1, 2023, is hereby extended for a period of six additional months to April 30, 2024.