



City of Grand Forks Staff Report

APPROVED & ACCEPTED
by City Council
Maureen Storstad
07/15/2019
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City Auditor

Ordinance defeated.

Committee of the Whole – July 8, 2019
City Council – July 15, 2019 and August 5, 2019

Agenda Item: Ordinance adopting Section 9-0220 relating to possession of marijuana

Submitted by: Howard D. Swanson, City Attorney

Staff Recommended Action: Give preliminary and final approval to Ordinance.

Committee Recommended Action: Refer to City Council with the recommendation to approve.

07/15/2019 Preliminary approval passed unanimously on consent agenda

Council Action: 08/05/2019 Ordinance defeated on a unanimous vote.
(Changes were included in other areas of code to address required updates)

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 1050 made a number of changes to offenses relating to marijuana. This Ordinance establishes that the possession of marijuana of less than one-half ounce is a noncriminal infraction. The Ordinance is necessary to bring Grand Forks City Code into conformity with state law.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

The Ordinance brings the Grand Forks City Code into conformance with state law with respect to the possession of less than one-half ounce of marijuana.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

Draft Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING SECTION 9-0220 OF THE GRAND FORKS CITY CODE RELATING TO POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA, PURSUANT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA, THAT:

SECTION I. ADOPTING CLAUSE.

Section 9-0220 of the Grand Forks City Code relating to possession of marijuana is hereby adopted to provide as follows:

9-0220. - Possession of marijuana.

Unless the substance is medical marijuana in accordance with N.D.C.C. Chapter 19-24.1, it is unlawful for any person to willfully possess marijuana in an amount of less than one-half ounce (14.175 grams), within the corporate limits of the City of Grand Forks.

SECTION II. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after passage and approval as provided by law.

Michael R. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maureen Storstad, Director
Finance & Administrative Services

Introduction and first reading:
Public Hearing:
Second Reading and Final Passage:
Approved:
Published: