

ARTICLE XVIII. ADULT USE AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES

Sec. 14-650. Title.

This article shall be known and cited as the "City of Auburn Adult Use And Medical Marijuana Businesses Ordinance" and will be referred to hereinafter as "this ordinance". This ordinance limits all subject adult use and medical marijuana businesses to the zoning districts specified under the auburn zoning ordinance, prescribes definitions of adult use and medical marijuana businesses, and provides for permitting/licensing and regulation of adult use and medical marijuana businesses, and provides performance standards for adult use and medical marijuana businesses.

(Ord. No. 03-05202019, 6-3-2019)

Sec. 14-651. Authority and applicability.

WHEREAS, implementing a system for the regulation of stores, dispensaries, cultivation, manufacturing, and testing for the production and sale of marijuana, is a complex function with significant administrative demands on the City of Auburn; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that possession and use of Adult Use and Medical Marijuana is limited to persons who are 21 years of age or older, except in the case of minors in possession of a medical marijuana patient card, is necessary to protect those who have not yet reached adulthood from the effects of irresponsible use of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn believes that any production, processing, or selling of Adult Use and Medical Marijuana should be conducted in a safe and fair manner for the health, safety, and welfare of the community, which includes complying with provisions of all applicable laws and ordinances relating to adult use and medical use of marijuana throughout the City of Auburn; and

NOW THEREFORE, this Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the Marijuana Legalization Act, 28-B M.R.S. § 101 et seq.; the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act, 22 M.R.S. § 2421 et seq.; and the city's home rule authority under Article VIII, Part 2, Section 1 of the Maine Constitution 30-A M.R.S. § 3001 et seq., and 30-A M.R.S. § 4301 et seq.

(Ord. No. 03-05202019, 6-3-2019)

Sec. 14-652. Purpose.

It is the purpose of this ordinance to regulate adult use and medical marijuana businesses in order to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Auburn, and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations for the appropriate location of adult use and medical marijuana businesses in Auburn.

Persons or entities wishing to establish an adult use or a medical marijuana business within the City of Auburn shall first obtain a license from the Auburn City Council (hereinafter "the city council") and shall be subject to the provisions of this ordinance.

This ordinance may not be construed to limit any privileges or rights of a qualifying patient, primary caregiver, registered or otherwise, or registered dispensary under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act.

(Ord. No. 03-05202019, 6-3-2019)

Sec. 14-653. Conflict with other ordinances; state law.

Whenever a provision of this ordinance conflicts with or is inconsistent with other provisions of this ordinance, or of any other ordinance, regulation or standard, the more restrictive provision shall apply. Nothing herein is intended to conflict with state law; whenever a provision of this ordinance conflicts with state law the more restrictive provision shall apply. All applicants and licensees shall comply with all applicable state laws.

(Ord. No. 03-05202019, 6-3-2019)

Sec. 14-654. Effective date.

The effective date of this ordinance [from which this article derived], and the business licensing thereunder, shall be the date of adoption by the city council.

Sec. 14-655. Validity and severability.

Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared by any court to be invalid, such decision shall not invalidate any other section or provision of this ordinance.

(Ord. No. 03-05202019, 6-3-2019)

Sec. 14-656. Definitions.

Adult use cultivation facility means a facility licensed under this ordinance to purchase marijuana plants and seeds from other cultivation facilities; to cultivate, prepare and package adult use marijuana; to sell adult use marijuana to adult use products manufacturing facilities, to adult use marijuana stores and to other cultivation facilities; and to sell marijuana plants and seeds to other cultivation facilities and immature marijuana plants and seedlings to adult use marijuana stores.

Adult use marijuana nursery cultivation facility means a facility licensed under this ordinance to cultivate not more than 1,000 square feet of plant canopy pursuant to 28-B M.R.S.A. § 501.

Adult use marijuana store means a facility licensed under this ordinance to purchase adult use marijuana, immature marijuana plants and seedlings from an adult use cultivation facility, to purchase adult use marijuana and adult use marijuana products from an adult use products manufacturing facility and to sell adult use marijuana, adult use marijuana products, immature marijuana plants and seedlings to consumers.

Adult use marijuana testing facility means a facility licensed under this ordinance to develop, research and test adult use marijuana, adult use marijuana products and other substances.

Adult use products manufacturing facility means a facility licensed under this ordinance to purchase adult use marijuana from a cultivation facility or another products manufacturing facility; to manufacture, label and package adult use marijuana and adult use marijuana products; and to sell adult use marijuana and adult use marijuana products to marijuana stores and to other products manufacturing facilities.

Cultivation or cultivate means the planting, propagation, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, trimming or other processing of marijuana for use or sale.

Harvested marijuana means the plant material harvested from a mature marijuana plant, except the stalks, leaves and roots of the plant that are not used for a qualifying patient's medical use. "Harvested marijuana" includes marijuana concentrate and marijuana products.

Immature marijuana plant means a marijuana plant that is not a mature marijuana plant or a seedling.

Manufacture or manufacturing means the production, blending, infusing, compounding or other preparation of marijuana concentrate and marijuana products, including, but not limited to, marijuana extraction or preparation by means of chemical synthesis.

Marijuana means the leaves, stems, flowers and seeds of a marijuana plant, whether growing or not.

Marijuana business means medical marijuana cultivation facility, medical marijuana manufacturing facility, medical marijuana testing facility, registered dispensary, registered caregiver retail store, adult use marijuana cultivation facility, adult use marijuana products manufacturing facility, adult use testing facility, or adult use marijuana store licensed under this ordinance.

Medical marijuana cultivation facility means a facility licensed under this ordinance to cultivate, prepare and package medical marijuana at a location that is not the residence of the registered caregiver or qualifying patient.

Medical marijuana manufacturing facility means a registered tier 1 or tier 2 manufacturing facility or a person authorized to engage in marijuana extraction under section 2423-F.

Medical marijuana testing facility means a public or private laboratory that:

- (1) Is authorized in accordance with 22 M.R.S.A. § 2423-A, subsection 10 to analyze contaminants in and the potency and cannabinoid profile of samples; and
- (2) Is accredited pursuant to standard ISO/IEC 17025 of the International Organization for Standardization by a third-party accrediting body or is certified, registered or accredited by an organization approved by the State of Maine.

Medical use means the acquisition, possession, cultivation, manufacture, use, delivery, transfer or transportation of marijuana or paraphernalia relating to the administration of marijuana to treat or alleviate a qualifying patient's medical diagnosis or symptoms for which a medical provider has provided the qualifying patient a written certification under this chapter.

Plant canopy means the total surface area within the licensed premises of an Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation Facility that is authorized for use at any time by the cultivation facility licensee to cultivate mature marijuana plants. The surface area of the plant canopy must be calculated in square feet and measured using the outside boundaries of the area and must include all of the area within the boundaries. If the surface area of the plant canopy consists of non-contiguous areas, each component area must be separated by identifiable boundaries. If a tiered or shelving system is used by the cultivation facility licensee, the surface area of each tier or shelf must be included in calculating the area of the plant canopy. Calculation of the area of the plant canopy may not include the areas within the licensed premises of a cultivation facility that are used by the licensee to cultivate immature marijuana plants and seedlings and that are not used by the licensee at any time to cultivate mature marijuana plants.

Qualifying patient means a person who possesses a valid written certification regarding medical use of marijuana in accordance with M.R.S.A. § 2423-B or a visiting qualified patient complying with 22 M.R.S.A. § 2423-D.

Registered caregiver means a person or an assistant of that person that provides care for a qualifying patient and who is registered by the State of Maine pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. § 2425-A.

Registered caregiver retail store means a facility licensed to sell harvested marijuana to qualifying patients for the patients' medical use.

Registered dispensary means an entity registered under 22 M.R.S.A. § 2425-A that acquires, possesses, cultivates, manufactures, delivers, transfers, transports, sells, supplies or dispenses marijuana or related supplies and educational materials to qualifying patients and the caregivers of those patients.

Testing or test means the research and analysis of marijuana, marijuana products or other substances for contaminants, safety or potency.

(Ord. No. 03-05202019, 6-3-2019; Ord. No. 08-11022020, 12-21-2020)

Sec. 14-657 License required.

No person may establish, operate or maintain a marijuana business without first obtaining a license from the city council.

It is a violation of this ordinance for any person to operate a marijuana business without a valid marijuana business license issued by the city pursuant to this ordinance.

Pursuant to 28-B M.R.S.A. § 402, an applicant seeking to operate an adult use marijuana business may not submit an application for a license unless the applicant has been issued a conditional license by the state of maine to operate the adult use marijuana business.

Marijuana business licenses shall be administered on a first come, first served basis based upon the date the application is deemed complete.

Registered caregivers operating out of their residence shall apply for and obtain a permit for a home occupation in accordance with article IX of the Auburn Zoning Ordinance and shall comply with all standards set forth in the article. Registered caregivers who cultivate medical marijuana only for themselves and/or members of their household are exempt from this requirement and are not required to obtain a permit or license.

The cultivation, manufacturing, testing or sale of adult use marijuana from a residence is prohibited, unless it is for personal use in accordance with 28-A M.R.S.A. § 1502. Home cultivation of adult use marijuana for personal use is exempt from the licensing requirements of this ordinance. Provided, however, that outdoor cultivation of adult use marijuana for personal use is prohibited, unless the residence is located in an agricultural zoning district.

(Ord. No. 03-05202019, 6-3-2019)

Sec. 14-658. Application procedure.

- (a) *An application for a license must be made on a form provided by the city.*
- (b) *All applicants must be qualified according to the provisions of this ordinance. Applicants shall provide sufficient information to demonstrate that they meet all qualifications and standards established in this ordinance.*
- (c) *Application to establish a marijuana business.*
 - (1) If the applicant who wishes to operate a marijuana business is a single individual, this person must sign the application for a license. If the applicant who wishes to operate a marijuana business is more than one individual, each person who has an interest in the business must sign the application for a license as applicant. Each applicant must be qualified under the following section and each applicant shall be considered a licensee if a license is granted.
 - (2) The completed application for a marijuana business license shall contain the following information and shall be accompanied by the following documents:
 - a. If the applicant is an individual means the individual shall state their legal name and any aliases, and submit proof that they are at least 21 years of age.
 - b. If the applicant is a partnership. The partnership shall state its complete name, and the names of all partners, whether the partnership is general or limited, submit a copy of the partnership agreement, if any, and submit proof that all partners are at least 21 years of age.

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- c. If the applicant is a corporation. The corporation shall state its complete name, the date of its incorporation, evidence that the corporation is in good standing under State law, the names and capacity of all officers, directors and principal stockholders, the name of the registered corporate agent, the address of the registered office for service of process, and submit proof that all officers, directors and principal stockholders are at least 21 years of age.
 - d. If the applicant is a limited liability company (LLC). The LLC shall state its complete name, the date of its establishment, evidence that the LLC is in good standing under State law, the names and capacity of all members, a copy of its operating agreement, if any, the address of its registered office for service of process, and submit proof that all members are at least 21 years of age.
 - e. If the applicant intends to operate the marijuana business under a name other than that of the applicant, they must state the marijuana business' name and submit the required registration documents.
 - f. If the applicant, an officer, member or employee has been convicted of criminal activity under state and/or federal law, they must list the specified criminal activity involved, and the date, place, and jurisdiction of each conviction.
 - g. If the applicant has had a previous license under this ordinance or other similar marijuana business license applications in another town, city or state denied, suspended or revoked, they must list the name and location of the marijuana business for which the license was denied, suspended or revoked, as well as the date of the denial, suspension or revocation, and they must list whether the applicant has been a partner in a partnership or an officer, director, or principal stockholder of a corporation that is permitted/licensed under this ordinance, whose license has previously been denied, suspended or revoked, listing the name and location of the marijuana business for which the permit was denied, suspended, or revoked as well as the date of denial, suspension or revocation.
 - h. If the applicant holds any other permits/licenses under this ordinance or other similar marijuana business license from another town, city, or state the applicant shall provide the names and locations of such other permitted/licensed businesses.
 - i. The type of marijuana business for which the applicant is seeking a license.
 - j. The location of the proposed marijuana business, including a legal description of the property, street address, and telephone number.
 - k. Sufficient documentation demonstrating possession or entitlement to possession of the proposed licensed premises of the marijuana business pursuant to a lease, rental agreement, purchase and sale agreement or other arrangement for possession of the premises or by virtue of ownership of the premises.
 - l. The applicant's mailing address and residential address.
 - m. Recent passport-style photograph(s) of the applicant(s).
 - n. The applicant's driver's license.
 - o. A sketch showing the configuration of the subject premises, including building footprint, interior layout with floorspace to be occupied by the business, and parking plan. The sketch must be drawn to scale with marked dimensions.
 - p. A copy of a city tax map depicting: The subject property lines and the property lines of other properties containing any existing marijuana businesses within 1,000 feet of the subject property; and the property lines of any public or preexisting private school within 750 feet of the subject property, measured in accordance with section 14-659.

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- (3) All applications for a marijuana business license shall be kept confidential by the city.
 - (4) All applicants, including all individuals, officers, directors, managers, members, and partners, for any medical marijuana business license must be residents of the state, as defined in 22 M.R.S.A. § 2422.
 - (5) If an applicant is a person, the applicant must be a resident as that term is defined in the application. If the applicant is a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company, every officer, director, and managing partner must be a person who is a resident, and a majority of shares, partnership interests, and membership interests, or other equity interests must be held or owned by persons who are residents. This residency requirement does not apply to applicants for testing facility licenses.
- (e) *Application and license fees.* All applications must be submitted with a \$500.00 fee. If an application is approved, the following license fees must be paid before the city will issue a license:

Marijuana store. Annual operation license fee: \$5,000.00.

Marijuana manufacturing facility. Annual operation license fee: \$2,500.00.

Marijuana testing facility. Annual operation license fee: \$2,500.00.

Adult use marijuana cultivation:

Tier 1. 0—500 square feet of plant canopy—Annual permit/licensing fee: \$1,000.00.

Tier 2. 501—2,000 square feet of mature plant canopy—Annual license fee: \$1,500.00.

Tier 3. 2,001—7,000 square feet of mature plant canopy—Annual license fee: \$2,500.00.

Tier 4. Greater than 7,000 square feet of mature plant canopy—Annual license fee: \$5,000.00.

Medical marijuana cultivation. Annual operation license fee: \$1,000.00.

Adult use marijuana nursery cultivation. Annual license fee: \$1,000.00 (Plant canopies of individual nursery cultivations are permanently capped at 1,000 square feet.)

Renewal applicants for adult use marijuana cultivation licenses may seek an increase to a higher tier if they comply with the requirements in this section.

Applicants for adult use marijuana cultivation licenses may not hold more than three such licenses or a total combined plant canopy in excess of 30,000 square feet.

(Ord. No. 03-05202019, 6-3-2019; Ord. No. 08-11022020, 12-21-2020)

Sec. 14-659. Standards for license.

- (a) *General.*
- (1) All marijuana businesses shall comply with applicable state and local laws and regulations.
 - (2) Marijuana businesses shall only be located within the zoning districts permitted in the Auburn Zoning Ordinance.
 - (3) Marijuana businesses may not be located on property within 750 feet of the property line of a preexisting public or private school (K-12). For the purposes of this ordinance, "school" includes a public school, private school, or public preschool program as defined in 20-A M.R.S.A. § 1, or any other educational facility that serves children from prekindergarten to grade 12.
- Required setbacks shall be measured as the most direct, level, shortest, without regard to the intervening structures or objects, straight-line distance between the school property line and the property line of the parcel of land on which the marijuana business is located. If the marijuana business

is located within a commercial subdivision, the required setback shall be measured from the front door of the marijuana business to the property line of the school. Presence of a town, city, county, or other political subdivision boundary shall be irrelevant for purposes of calculating and applying the distance requirements of this Section.

- (4) Marijuana businesses may not be located on property within 1,000 feet of the property line of a parcel containing one or more marijuana businesses. Required setbacks shall be measured as the most direct, level, shortest, without regard to the intervening structures or objects, straight-line distance between the property lines of the parcels of land on which the marijuana businesses are located. If the marijuana business is located within a commercial subdivision, the required setback shall be measured from the front door of each of the marijuana businesses. Presence of a town, city, county, or other political subdivision boundary shall be irrelevant for purposes of calculating and applying the distance requirements of this section.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, more than one marijuana businesses may be located on the same parcel, provided all state and local requirements are met.

Adult use and medical marijuana cultivation facilities and adult use and medical marijuana manufacturing facilities operating within the industrial zoning district are exempt from this setback requirement.

This setback requirement does not apply to properties with more than one marijuana business that are subdivided, as long as the marijuana business(es) located on the property were operating with city approval prior to December 13, 2018.

- (5) No outside cultivation or storage of marijuana, marijuana products, or related supplies is permitted, except that outdoor cultivation of marijuana in the agricultural district is permitted.
- (6) Pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. § 2429-D(3), registered caregiver retail stores, registered dispensaries, medical marijuana testing facilities, and medical marijuana manufacturing facilities, as well as medical marijuana cultivation facilities, that were operating with city approval prior to December 13, 2018, are grandfathered in their current location and current use and shall be treated as legally non-conforming uses in accordance with article III of the Auburn Zoning Ordinance if their location or use is not in conformance with this ordinance or applicable zoning ordinances, provided, however, that said marijuana businesses shall apply for and obtain a license.

Notwithstanding section 60-79(4) of the Auburn Zoning Ordinance, the holder of a license for a medical marijuana cultivation facility or a medical marijuana manufacturing facility that complies with all applicable provisions of this ordinance and the Auburn Zoning Ordinance, may exchange their license for an adult use cultivation facility or adult use manufacturing facility license in the same location, provided they meet all requirements and standards to operate an adult use cultivation facility or adult use manufacturing facility, with the exception of the required setbacks between facilities and schools. Said holder must file an application and pay a \$500.00 fee.

Notwithstanding section 60-79(4) of the Auburn Zoning Ordinance, the holder of a license for a registered caregiver retail store that complies with all applicable provisions of this ordinance and the Auburn Zoning Ordinance may exchange their license for an adult use marijuana store license in the same location, provided they meet all requirements and standards to operate an adult use marijuana store. Said holder must file a new application and pay new application and license fees listed in subsection 14-658(e).

- (7) All adult use marijuana stores and registered caregiver retail stores must be operated from permanent locations, which may utilize telephone and internet orders as long as the buyer pays for and picks up such orders in the store on the day the order is made, an exception is made for registered caregiver retail stores whereas it may be a necessity for the business to deliver medical marijuana to a patient.

These deliveries will be made by the business and no contracted/paid delivery service will be authorized. Delivery must be made directly to the qualified patient and proper identification is verified.

- (8) Adult use marijuana stores and registered caregiver retail stores may not use vending machines for sales, may not have "drive-through" or "drive-up" window-serviced sales, and may not have internet-based sales with credit/debit card payment and delivery by USPS, UPS, FedEx, DHL, or any other global or local delivery service or courier.
- (9) Security measures at all marijuana business premises shall include, at a minimum, the following:
 - a. Security surveillance cameras installed and operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with 30-day video storage, to monitor all entrances, along with the interior and exterior of the premises, to discourage and facilitate the reporting of criminal acts and nuisance activities occurring at the premises; and
 - b. Door and window combination video and motion detector intrusion system with audible alarm and smart phone monitoring, maintained in good working condition; and
 - c. A locking safe permanently affixed to the premises that is suitable for storage of all marijuana, marijuana products, and cash stored overnight on the licensed premises; and
 - d. Exterior lighting that illuminates the exterior walls of the licensed premises during dusk to dawn, that is either constantly on or activated by motion detectors, and complies with applicable provisions of the lighting performance standards in the City of Auburn Zoning Ordinance; and
 - e. Deadbolt locks on all exterior doors and any other exterior access points, excepting windows which shall have locks; and
 - f. Methods to ensure that no person under the age of 21 shall have access to marijuana and marijuana products.
- (10) Ventilation. All marijuana businesses are required to be in compliance with the odor nuisance control and abatement performance standards in the city's zoning ordinance, and all marijuana cultivation facilities shall have odor mitigation systems and a plan.
- (11) Operating plan. marijuana businesses which cultivate, test, and/or manufacture are required to submit an operation plan that at a minimum addresses the following:
 - a. Wastewater; and
 - b. Disposal of waste.
- (12) Required notices. There shall be posted in a conspicuous location inside each marijuana store, at least one legible sign containing the following information:

On-site consumption of marijuana is illegal; open and public consumption of marijuana in the State of Maine is illegal; The use of marijuana or marijuana products may impair a person's ability to drive a car or operate machinery; No one under the age of 21 may purchase marijuana or marijuana products, except a minor with medical marijuana card; Loitering prohibited.
- (13) Signs. All signs used by and all marketing and advertising conducted by or on behalf of the marijuana business may not involve advertising or marketing that has a high likelihood of reaching persons under 21 years of age or that is specifically designed to appeal particularly to persons under 21 years of age. The signs, marketing, or advertising is prohibited from making any health or physical benefit claims. All signage shall meet the city's sign ordinance and may use an image or images of the marijuana plant or plants, or parts thereof, as long as they do not exceed 20 percent of the sign face, but there shall be no pictorial representations of other marijuana products, by-products, or paraphernalia associated with the use or distribution of retail marijuana.

The exterior of all marijuana stores shall display a one-inch by one-inch image of any universal symbol for medical or adopted by the state's department of administration and financial services.

- (b) *Right of access/background check/inspection.* Every marijuana business shall allow law enforcement officers and the Auburn Code Enforcement Officer ("CEO") to enter the premises at reasonable times for the purpose of checking compliance with all applicable State laws and this ordinance. Every owner and employee of a marijuana business applying for a license, shall contact the Auburn Police Department for the purposes of fingerprinting and criminal background checking, and all premises managers for marijuana businesses shall submit emergency contact information to the Lewiston - Auburn 911 Communication Center.

Due to fire, explosion, and other hazards inherent in marijuana cultivation, testing, and manufacturing facilities, including, but not limited to, heavy electrical loads, hot lighting fixtures, CO² enrichment, extraction solvents (acetone, butane, propane, ethanol, heptane, isopropanol, CO², etc.), high-pressure extraction methods (CO², etc.), and flammable contents, the owners of all such facilities shall agree to be inspected annually by the Auburn Fire Department and have a Knox Box installed at the structure's exterior entrance for emergency access. Knox Boxes shall be obtained and installed in coordination with the Auburn Fire Department.

- (c) *Indemnification.* By accepting a license issued pursuant to this ordinance, the licensee waives and releases the City, its officers, elected officials, employees, attorneys, and agents from any liability for injuries, damages, or liabilities of any kind that result from any arrest or prosecution of any marijuana business owners, operators, employees, clients, or customers for a violation of local, State or federal laws, rules, or regulations.

By accepting a license issued pursuant to this ordinance the permittee/licensee agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the city, its officers, elected officials, employees, attorneys, agents, and insurers against all liability, claims, and demands on account of any injury, loss or damage, including without limitation, claims arising from bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease, death, property loss or damage, or any other loss of any kind whatsoever arising out of or in any manner connected with the operation of a permitted/licensed marijuana business.

- (d) *State law.* In the event the State of Maine adopts any additional or stricter law or regulation governing the sale, cultivation, manufacture, distribution, or testing of marijuana or marijuana products, the additional or stricter regulation shall control the establishment or operation of any marijuana business in Auburn.

Compliance with all applicable state laws and regulation shall be deemed an additional requirement for issuance or denial of any license under this ordinance, and noncompliance with state laws or regulations shall be grounds for revocation or suspension of any license issued hereunder.

(Ord. No. 03-05202019, 6-3-2019; Ord. No. 08-11022020, 12-21-2020)

Sec. 14-660. Enforcement.

- (a) *Violations.*
- (1) Any violation of this ordinance, including failure to comply with any condition, may be enforced in accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A. § 4452. Every day a violation exists constitutes a separate violation.
 - (2) Commencement of any marijuana business without a city license for same shall be a violation of this ordinance. Any party committing such a violation shall immediately cease operations, whether of a construction, renovation, or business nature, upon notification by the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO). Upon such CEO notification, the City can pursue fines and/or penalties under 30-A M.R.S.A. § 4452.
- (b) Law enforcement officer ("LEO") and code enforcement. Law enforcement officers and the CEO may at any reasonable time conduct on-site inspections to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and conditions attached to license approvals and shall investigate all complaints of alleged violations of the article.

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- (1) If the LEO or CEO finds that any provision of this ordinance is being violated, they shall notify in writing the person responsible for such violation, indicating the nature of the violation and ordering the action necessary to correct it, including but not limited to, discontinuance of illegal use of land, buildings, or structures, or work being done, removal of illegal buildings or structures, and abatement or mitigation of violations. A copy of such notices shall be submitted to the city council and be maintained as a permanent record.
 - (2) The LEO or CEO shall keep a complete record of all essential transactions of the LEO or CEO, including marijuana license applications submitted, permits/licenses granted or denied, training certifications, revocation actions, revocation of permits/licenses, appeals, court actions, violations investigated, violations found, and fees collected.
- (c) *Legal actions.* When the above notification and/or inspection actions do not result in the voluntary correction or abatement of the violation by the subject marijuana business, the City Council, upon receiving written notification from the LEO or CEO, may institute any and all actions and proceedings, either legal or equitable, including injunctions of violations and the impositions of penalties and/or fines in order to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.
- The city council, or their authorized agent, are hereby authorized to enter into administrative consent agreements for the purpose of eliminating violations of this ordinance and recovering fines without court action.
- (d) *Penalties/fines.* Any person, including but not limited to, a marijuana business owner, a property owner where such business is located, or any agent or contractor for same, who orders or conducts any activity in violation of this ordinance, or fails to comply with any of its requirements, shall be penalized in accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A. § 4452.

(Ord. No. 03-05202019, 6-3-2019)

Sec. 14-661. Training.

- (a) Individuals who sell marijuana and marijuana products, pursuant to a marijuana store business license, must complete responsible marijuana vendor sales practices training, if and when such training is available. This training may be completed on-line and an employee must be certified within 30 days of employment.
- (b) Recordkeeping. Marijuana store licensees shall maintain on the licensed premises, written records of the vendor training programs completed by individuals who sell marijuana and marijuana products and shall produce those records upon request by the CEO or LEO with the Auburn Police Department.
- (c) Failure to comply with the training requirements. Failure to meet the training requirement imposed by section 14-661 may result in the denial/revocation of a marijuana business license.

(Ord. No. 03-05202019, 6-3-2019)