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## SECTION 12

# Moratorium

### 12.0 Purpose

This section has been adopted to provide the Commission with the time necessary to consider adoption of potential changes to the Zoning Regulations pursuant to Section 8-2 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

### 12.1 Cannabis

The Connecticut General Assembly has passed legislation that legalizes adult use of cannabis in the State of Connecticut. Said Senate Bill No. 1201, June Special Session, Public Act No. 21-1 (the “Act”) contains provisions allowing municipalities to prohibit or place reasonable restrictions on cannabis establishments. Also, the Commission would like to review their regulations as it involves dispensary facilities and producers as defined in Chapter 420f, C.G.S., Palliative Use of Marijuana.

This temporary and limited term moratorium has been adopted to provide the Old Saybrook 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.

#### A. Definitions.

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

B. **Applicability.** During this temporary moratorium, cannabis establishments shall be prohibited in the Town of Old Saybrook and any application shall be denied by the Zoning Commission or Zoning Enforcement Officer to establish a cannabis establishment.

C. **Effective Date/Term.** This temporary and limited moratorium shall become effective on October 20, 2021 and shall remain in effect until May 31, 2022