

**CITY OF CREDIT RIVER
SCOTT COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03

**AN INTERIM ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SALE, TESTING,
MANUFACTURING, AND DISTRIBUTION OF THC PRODUCTS**

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Credit River does ordain:

SECTION 1. BACKGROUND.

1. By enacting 2022 Session Law Chapter 98, Article 13, the Minnesota Legislature amended Minn. Stat. § 151.72 and permitted the sale of edible and nonedible cannabinoid products that contain no more than 0.3 % of Tetrahydrocannabinol, commonly known as THC (“THC Products”).
2. The new law does enact some requirements for labeling and testing, but the law provides no parameters regulating production, compliance checks, or sales of THC Products. The new law does not prohibit local regulation.
3. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 462.355, subd. 4, the City is authorized to enact by ordinance a moratorium to regulate, restrict or prohibit any use within the jurisdiction to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. Specifically, the City is authorized to enact a moratorium ordinance to allow it to undertake a study to determine whether to adopt any regulations or restrictions, including siting and location of uses, related to the sales, testing, manufacturing, and distribution of THC Products.
4. Pursuant to its general police powers, including but not limited to, Minn. Stat. § 421.221, subd. 32, the City may enact and enforce regulations or restrictions on THC Products within the City to protect the public safety, health, and welfare, including restrictions and a moratorium on the use of sales, testing, manufacturing, and distribution, during the pendency of a study to determine the need for police power regulations, including but not necessarily limited to licensing and permitting.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS.

1. The City Council finds there is a need to study THC Products and uses and businesses related thereto, in order to assess the necessity for and efficacy of regulation and restrictions relating to the sales, testing, manufacturing, and distribution of THC Products, including through licensing or zoning ordinances, in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfares of its residents.
2. The study will allow the City Council to determine the appropriate changes, if any, that that it should make to City ordinances.


SECTION 6. TERM.

Unless earlier rescinded by the City Council, the moratorium established under this ordinance shall remain in effect until twelve (12) months from its effective date, at which point, it will automatically expire.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

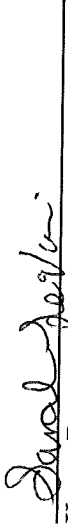
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the City Council.

ADOPTED this 1st day of August 2022 by the City Council of the City of Credit River.



Chris Kostik, Mayor

ATTEST:



~~Karen Donovan~~, City Clerk Deputy
Sarah Leboir