

Public Notice to all Tuxedo Residents

Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MTRA) Information Session

Monday, June 28th, 7:00 pm via Tuxedo Town WebEx

The Tuxedo Town Board will be holding a public information session to help educate the public on the pending Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act. The Town must decide whether or not we will participate in the approval of licensed cannabis retail dispensary locations and/or licensed on-site consumption locations in our town. The Town Board wants to hear from residents on this topic. Each municipality will need to make several decisions.

- Should we opt-out? This means prohibiting dispensaries or on-site consumption facilities from locating within town borders. This does not include cannabis grow facilities. This action must be taken by December 31, 2021. If we don't opt out, the municipality will be prohibited from opting out at a later date. If we do opt out, we are free to opt in at a later date. All opt out laws are subject to a permissive referendum.
- The Town Board should consider the tax benefits. Dispensaries or on-site consumption facilities are subject to a 13% sales tax in NYS. Of that, 9% will go to state program administration, education programs and drug treatment efforts. Basically 3% of the sales in a municipality will be channeled back to the municipality through the county. Only municipalities that opt-in AND have facilities will see the 3%.

The legislation stipulates that:

- No cannabis retail facility or on-site consumption facility can be located within 500 feet of a school or 200 feet from a house of worship.
- If we don't opt out we may adopt local zoning laws that establish reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on these facilities.

Town Attorney Marissa Weiss, of Jacobowitz and Gubits, will be presenting at our meeting. She has prepared a detailed summary that is available through the Town of Tuxedo website or by contacting our Tuxedo Town Clerk, Marisa Dollbaum. I urge you to join our virtual meeting, by computer or phone. It's easy! Learn about this important topic and share your thoughts.

Ken English
Tuxedo Town Supervisor

WebEx Link for the meeting: <https://www.tuxedogov.org/webex-virtual-meetings> or Dial 408-418-9388, Access Code: 796 956 205