

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bill 2024-01, Cannabis (ZTA 23-180)

The Charles County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, **February 7, 2024**, at 6:00 p.m., in a hybrid format, both virtually and in person at the Charles County Government Building, 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, Maryland, to consider the proposed Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) #23-180, Cannabis.

Bill 2024-01 (ZTA #23-180) would amend certain provisions of the Charles County Zoning Ordinance to permit adult-use (“recreational”) cannabis dispensary and processing operations to facilitate the implementation of the Cannabis Reform Act in Charles County.

Individuals or representatives of groups wishing to make oral or written comments are encouraged to attend the hearing.

In-person: Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes (1/2 hour) prior to the hearing at the Charles County Government Building (200 Baltimore Street, La Plata) and will end at the commencement of the hearing.

Virtually: Call (240) 776-6709, between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. February 7, 2024 to register to speak. Once registered, citizens will receive a virtual link to testify between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. after in-person speakers testify. If you are not available to speak when your name is called, we have the right to move on to the next caller. Each speaker will be allotted three (3) minutes.

Written or voicemail comments may be submitted in lieu of oral testimony, or to expand upon oral testimony, and will be accepted January 19, 2024 starting at 8 a.m. through February 7, 2024, 5 p.m. for:

E-Comment: <https://www.charlescountymd.gov/government/public-comments/public-hearing-comments/bocc-hybrid-virtual-in-person-open-session>

Phone message: call 301-645-0652

Mail: Commissioners of Charles County, 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, Maryland 20646.
Comments sent by mail must be received no later than February 7, 2024.

Those citizens with special needs may contact Maryland Relay Service TDD 1-800-735-2258.

The associated documents for this item will be available for inspection in the Department of Planning and Growth Management or online at: <https://bit.ly/2024CannabisBill>. For more information, please contact Melissa Hively at HivelyM@CharlesCountyMD.gov or 301-638-2409.

BY ORDER OF THE CHARLES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Reuben B. Collins, II., Esq., President

In the event the notified meeting is canceled due to inclement weather or acts of nature beyond the control of the County, all items scheduled to be discussed or heard at the meeting will be rescheduled to a later date at 6:00pm in the County Commissioners Meeting Room.

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Please publish two (2) times on Friday, **January 19, 2024 and Friday, January 26, 2024.**