

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD, RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Smithfield Town Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Smithfield Town Hall, 64 Farnum Pike, Smithfield, RI on **Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM**. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider and act upon proposed amendments to the following Articles and Sections of the Smithfield Zoning Ordinance.

Summary: The proposed zoning ordinance amendments involve the repeal of existing Sections 4.3 (L) of the Table of Uses entitled "Medical Marijuana" and 4.4 L entitled " Medical Marijuana" of the Smithfield Zoning Ordinance and replacement thereof with new provisions that would regulate the cultivation and distribution of medical marijuana and medical marijuana products in a manner that is consistent with the Edward O. Hawkins and Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act, as amended.

Specific provisions to be added include the following: Section 4.3 Table of Uses, "L. MEDICAL MARIJUANA" with the following use categories: 1. Patient Cultivation; 2. Caregiver Cultivation; 3. Residential Cooperative Cultivation; 4. Non-Residential Cooperative Cultivation; 5. Licensed Cultivator; 6. Compassion Center; 7. Medical Marijuana Emporium; and 8. Licensed Manufacturer and Section 4.4.L Medical Marijuana with the following sub-sections: A. Definitions.; B. Purpose.; C. General Prohibition.; D. Possession Limits.; E. Special Use Standards.; and F. Severability.

At said Hearing opportunity will be given to all interested persons to be heard upon the proposed amendments. The proposals shown thereon may be altered or amended prior to the close of the Public Hearing, without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the Public Hearing. Any alteration or amendment must be presented for comment in the course of the Hearing.

A complete copy of the proposed amendments are available for inspection or copying at the Smithfield Planning Office, Town Hall, 64 Farnum Pike, Smithfield, Rhode Island during regular business hours (8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday) and may be viewed on the Town website, www.smithfieldri.com. Interested persons requiring special accommodations or assistance are requested to notify the Town Manager's Office (401-233-1010) 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL.
Suzanna L. Alba, President