

## **SPENARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION SCC**

### **A Resolution in Support of Capping the Number of Retail Cannabis Licenses Located within Spenard Community Council Boundaries [DRAFT]**

*10-2-2019*

WHEREAS, the Spenard district of Anchorage is comprised of 2.9 square miles, of which approximately 2.2 square miles is inhabitable land area. There are currently 9 approved and active cannabis licenses located within this 2.2 square mile area, making Spenard the most densely populated cannabis license district in Anchorage; and,

WHEREAS, there are 10 additional cannabis licenses proposed or currently in process within Spenard as of today. If successful, there will be at least 19 cannabis licenses operating within our 2.2 square mile district and 11 of them would be retail locations; and,

WHEREAS, Spenard residents have fought hard over the last decade to bring diversity to their business community and create a vibrant neighborhood in Anchorage where tourists and locals feel welcome. If cannabis licenses continue to be issued unchecked, there is a very real likelihood that Spenard will only be known for one thing. Spenard becoming the “Cannabis District” could deter business from people who are not comfortable with cannabis or see it as a negative; and,

WHEREAS, the cannabis businesses that are open and operating within Spenard today are struggling to stay open. Anchorage is a small metropolis, and even at the height of summer there are a limited number of customers patronizing the cannabis market every day. With every new retail establishment that opens in Spenard, the stores that were already operational see a 10-15% drop in daily sales. Right now, there are retail establishments that have cut back on staff, hours of operation, and any thought of expansion or reinvestment because they are terrified sales will continue to dwindle down to nothing; and,

NOW THEREFORE, this resolution requests Municipality of Anchorage and the Anchorage Assembly:

1. Enact a 9-retail license cap to be placed on the amount of retail cannabis licenses within the Spenard district to preserve the business viability of retail stores already in operation, and to foster diversity within Spenard businesses. This recommended cap is based on the following facts:
  - a. The Alaska liquor license limits are based on population density; 1 for every 1500 people;
  - b. Spenard has an estimated population of 13,792 people;
  - c. If we apply the same population-based cap on retail marijuana licenses that the State imposes on liquor licenses, there would be room for 9 retail licenses;
  - d. There are 6 retail locations open and operational today. This new cap would allow for 3 more.
2. As a measure to properly distribute retail cannabis licensees throughout Spenard, this resolution also proposes a requirement that new retail licenses are to be located at least 1000 feet from currently active operational retail licenses.

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**Current List Marijuana Facility Permit Status Applications**  
**(Approved, Conditional, and/or Proposed)**

*As of 10/1/19*

APPROVED

Dankorage 2812 Spenard Road (retail)  
Enlighten 2600 Spenard Road (retail)  
Alaskan Leaf, LLC 1211 W. 36 Ave (Retail & Cultivation)  
MOMO's Bakery 2917 Spenard (manufacturing)  
BAM Alaska 3105 Minnesota Drive (cultivation)  
The House of Green 3105 Minnesota Drive (retail)  
Alaska Cannabis Exchange 1805 & 1807 W. 47<sup>th</sup> Ave (Standard Cultivation)  
Anchorage Bowl 4000 Spenard Road (retail, manufacturing, limited cultivation)  
AM Delight 3902 Spenard Road (Retail)

CONDITIONAL (Approved & Awaiting Inspection)

CloudBerry Partners 3307 Spenard Road (Retail & Cultivation)  
88 Double Happiness 2905 Tanglewood Dr (Cultivation)  
Popeyes Emporium II 3231 Spenard Road (Retail)

PROPOSED

The Miller Farm 3034 Spenard Road (Limited Cultivation)  
Cannabaska 1100 West Benson, Suite A (retail)  
Alaska Cannabis Exchange, LLC 2906 Spenard Road (retail)  
88 NAGA Alaska LLC 2905 Tanglewood (Concentrate)  
Studio 420 4608 Spenard Road (Retail)  
AM Delight 3902 Spenard Road (Cultivation)  
Releaf 910 W. International Airport Road [Boundary Line] (Limited Cultivation)