

Chapter 10:
Additional Standards

Maintenance

10.1 Medical Cannabis

For purposes of this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed herein:

(a) "Allowable amount of medical cannabis" means an amount not to exceed the maximum amount of Mississippi Medical Cannabis Equivalency Units ("MMCEU").

(b) "Bona fide practitioner-patient relationship" means:

(i) A practitioner and patient have a treatment or consulting relationship, during the course of which the practitioner, within his or her scope of practice, has completed an in-person assessment of the patient's medical history and current mental health and medical condition and has documented their certification in the patient's medical file;

(ii) The practitioner has consulted in person with the patient with respect to the patient's debilitating medical condition; and

(iii) The practitioner is available to or offers to provide follow-up care and treatment to the patient.

(c) "Cannabis" means all parts of the plant of the genus cannabis, the flower, the seeds thereof, the resin extracted from any part of the plant and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the plant, its seeds or its resin, including whole plant extracts. Such term shall not mean cannabis-derived drug products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration under Section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

(d) "Cannabis cultivation facility" means a business entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that acquires, grows, cultivates and harvests medical cannabis in an indoor, enclosed, locked and secure area.

(e) "Cannabis disposal entity" means a business licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that is involved in the commercial disposal or destruction of medical cannabis.

(f) "Cannabis processing facility" means a business entity that is licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that:

(i) Acquires or intends to acquire cannabis from a cannabis cultivation facility;

(ii) Possesses cannabis with the intent to manufacture a cannabis product;

(iii) Manufactures or intends to manufacture a cannabis product from unprocessed cannabis or a cannabis extract; and

(iv) Sells or intends to sell a cannabis product to a medical cannabis dispensary, cannabis testing facility or cannabis research facility.

(g) "Cannabis products" means cannabis flower, concentrated cannabis, cannabis extracts and products that are infused with cannabis or an extract thereof and are intended for use or consumption by humans. The term includes, without limitation, edible cannabis products, beverages, topical products, ointments, oils, tinctures and suppositories that contain tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and/or cannabidiol (CBD) except those products excluded from control under Sections 41-29-113 and 41-29-136.

(h) "Cannabis research facility" or "research facility" means a research facility at any university or college in this state or an independent entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health pursuant to this chapter that acquires cannabis from cannabis cultivation facilities and cannabis processing facilities in order to research cannabis, develop best practices for specific medical conditions, develop medicines and provide commercial access for medical use.

(i) "Cannabis testing facility" or "testing facility" means an independent entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that analyzes the safety and potency of cannabis.

(j) "Cannabis transportation entity" means an independent entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that is involved in the commercial transportation of medical cannabis.

(k) "Canopy" means the total surface area within a cultivation area that is dedicated to the cultivation of flowering cannabis plants. The surface area of the plant canopy must be calculated in square feet and measured and must include all of the area within the boundaries where the cultivation of the flowering cannabis plants occurs. If the surface area of the plant canopy consists of noncontiguous areas, each component area must be separated by identifiable boundaries. If a tiered or shelving system is used in the cultivation area the surface area of each tier or shelf must be included in calculating the area of the plant canopy. Calculation of the area of the plant canopy may not include the areas within the cultivation area that are used to cultivate immature cannabis plants and seedlings, prior to flowering, and that are not used at any time to cultivate mature cannabis plants.

(l) "Cardholder" means a registered qualifying patient or a registered designated caregiver who has been issued and possesses a valid registry identification card.

(m) "Chronic pain" means a pain state in which the cause of the pain cannot be removed or otherwise treated, and which in the generally accepted course of medical practice, no relief or cure of the cause of the pain is possible, or none has been found after reasonable efforts by a practitioner.

(n) "Concentrate" means a substance obtained by separating cannabinoids from cannabis by:

(i) A mechanical extraction process;

(ii) A chemical extraction process using a nonhydrocarbon-based or other solvent, such as water, vegetable glycerin, vegetable oils, animal fats, food-grade ethanol or steam distillation; or

(iii) A chemical extraction process using the hydrocarbon-based solvent carbon dioxide, provided that the process does not involve the use of high heat or pressure.

(o) "Debilitating medical condition" means:

(i) Cancer, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, muscular dystrophy, glaucoma, spastic quadriplegia, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), acquired immune deficiency

syndrome (AIDS), hepatitis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, sickle-cell anemia, Alzheimer's disease, agitation of dementia, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), autism, pain refractory to appropriate opioid management, diabetic/peripheral neuropathy, spinal cord disease or severe injury, or the treatment of these conditions;

(ii) A chronic, terminal or debilitating disease or medical condition, or its treatment, that produces one or more of the following: cachexia or wasting syndrome, chronic pain, severe or intractable nausea, seizures, or severe and persistent muscle spasms, including, but not limited to, those characteristic of multiple sclerosis; or

(iii) Any other serious medical condition or its treatment added by the Mississippi Department of Health, as provided for in Section 9 of this act.

(p) "Designated caregiver" means a person who:

(i) Has agreed to assist with a registered qualifying patient's medical use of medical cannabis;

(ii) Assists no more than five (5) registered qualifying patients with their medical use of medical cannabis, unless the designated caregiver's registered qualifying patients each reside in or are admitted to a health care facility or facility providing residential care services or day care services where the designated caregiver is employed;

(iii) Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age unless the person is the parent or legal guardian of each qualifying patient the person assists; and

(iv) Has not been convicted of a disqualifying felony offense.

(q) "Disqualifying felony offense" means:

(i) A conviction for a crime of violence, as defined in Section 97-3-2;

(ii) A conviction for a crime that was defined as a violent crime in the law of the jurisdiction in which the offense was committed, and that was classified as a felony in the jurisdiction where the person was convicted; or

(iii) A conviction for a violation of a state or federal controlled substances law that was classified as a felony in the jurisdiction where the person was convicted, including the service of any term of probation, incarceration or supervised release within the previous five (5) years and the offender has not committed another similar offense since the conviction. Under this subparagraph (iii), a disqualifying felony offense shall not include a conviction that consisted of conduct for which this chapter would likely have prevented the conviction but for the fact that the conduct occurred before the effective date of this act.

(r) "Edible cannabis products" means products that:

(i) Contain or are infused with cannabis or an extract thereof;

(ii) Are intended for human consumption by oral ingestion; and

(iii) Are presented in the form of foodstuffs, beverages, extracts, oils, tinctures, lozenges and other similar products.

(s) "Entity" means a corporation, general partnership, limited partnership or limited liability company that has been registered with the Secretary of State as applicable.

(t) "MMCEU" means Mississippi Medical Cannabis Equivalency Unit. One unit of MMCEU shall be considered equal to:

- (i) Three and one-half (3.5) grams of medical cannabis flower;
- (ii) One (1) gram of medical cannabis concentrate; or
- (iii) One hundred (100) milligrams of THC in an infused product.

(u) "MDOH" means the Mississippi Department of Health.

(v) "MDOR" means the Mississippi Department of Revenue.

(w) "Medical cannabis" means cannabis, cannabis products and edible cannabis that are intended to be used by registered qualifying patients as provided in this chapter.

(x) "Medical cannabis dispensary" or "dispensary" means an entity licensed and registered with the MDOR that acquires, possesses, stores, transfers, sells, supplies or dispenses medical cannabis, equipment used for medical cannabis, or related supplies and educational materials to cardholders.

(y) "Medical cannabis establishment" means a cannabis cultivation facility, cannabis processing facility, cannabis testing facility, cannabis dispensary, cannabis transportation entity, cannabis disposal entity or cannabis research facility licensed and registered by the appropriate agency.

(z) "Medical cannabis establishment agent" means an owner, officer, board member, employee, volunteer or agent of a medical cannabis establishment.

(aa) "Medical use" includes the acquisition, administration, cultivation, processing, delivery, harvest, possession, preparation, transfer, transportation, or use of medical cannabis or equipment relating to the administration of medical cannabis to treat or alleviate a registered qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition or symptoms associated with the patient's debilitating medical condition. The term "medical use" does not include:

- (i) The cultivation of cannabis unless the cultivation is done by a cannabis cultivation facility; or
- (ii) The extraction of resin from cannabis by mechanical or chemical extraction unless the extraction is done by a cannabis processing facility.

(bb) "Nonresident cardholder" means a person who:

(i) Has been diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition by a practitioner in his or her respective state or territory, or is the parent, guardian, conservator or other person with authority to consent to the medical use of medical cannabis by a person who has been diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition;

(ii) Is not a resident of Mississippi or who has been a resident of Mississippi for less than forty-five (45) days; and

(iii) Has submitted any documentation required by MDOH rules and regulations and has received confirmation of registration.

(cc) "Practitioner" means a physician, certified nurse practitioner, physician assistant or optometrist who is licensed to prescribe medicine under the licensing requirements of their respective occupational boards and the laws of this state. In relation to a nonresident cardholder, the term means a physician, certified nurse practitioner, physician assistant or optometrist who is licensed to prescribe medicine under the licensing requirements of their respective occupational boards and under the laws of the state or territory in which the nonresident patient resides. For registered qualifying patients who are minors, "practitioner" shall mean a physician or doctor of osteopathic medicine who is licensed to prescribe medicine under the licensing requirements of their respective occupational boards and the laws of this state.

(dd) "Public place" means a church or any area to which the general public is invited or in which the general public is permitted, regardless of the ownership of the area, and any area owned or controlled by a municipality, county, state or federal government, including, but not limited to, streets, sidewalks or other forms of public transportation. Such term shall not mean a private residential dwelling.

(ee) "Qualifying patient" means a person who has been diagnosed by a practitioner as having a debilitating medical condition and has been issued a written certification.

(ff) "Registry identification card" means a document issued by the MDOH that identifies a person as a registered qualifying patient, nonresident registered qualifying patient or registered designated caregiver.

(gg) "School" means an institution for the teaching of children, consisting of a physical location, whether owned or leased, including instructional staff members and students, and which is in session each school year. This definition shall include, but not be limited to, public, private, church and parochial programs for kindergarten, elementary, junior high and high schools. Such term shall not mean a home instruction program.

(hh) "Scope of practice" means the defined parameters of various duties, services or activities that may be provided or performed by a certified nurse practitioner as authorized under Sections 73-15-5 and 73-15-20, by an optometrist as authorized under Section 73-19-1, by a physician as authorized under Section 73-25-33, or by a physician assistant under Section 73-26-5, and rules and regulations adopted by the respective licensing boards for those practitioners.

(ii) "THC" or "Tetrahydrocannabinol" means any and all forms of tetrahydrocannabinol that are contained naturally in the cannabis plant, as well as synthesized forms of THC and derived variations, derivatives, isomers and allotropes that have similar molecular and physiological characteristics of tetrahydrocannabinol, including, but not limited to, THCA, THC Delta 9, THC Delta 8, THC Delta 10 and THC Delta 6.

(jj) "Written certification" means a form approved by the MDOH, signed and dated by a practitioner, certifying that a person has a debilitating medical condition. A written certification shall include the following:

- (i) The date of issue and the effective date of the recommendation;
- (ii) The patient's name, date of birth and address;
- (iii) The practitioner's name, address, and federal Drug Enforcement Agency number; and
- (iv) The practitioner's signature.

10.1.2 Zoning regulations

Zoning	A	R-1	R-2/R-3	C-2	C-2a	C-3	I
Cannabis Testing Facility				P		C	P
Cannabis Research Facility				P		C	P
Cannabis Cultivation Facility				C		P	P
Cannabis Dispensary Facility				P		P	P
Cannabis Processing Facility				C		P	P

P= PERMITTED C= CONDITIONAL USE
No permit and/ or privilege license shall be issued for any of the following uses until the location of such shall have been approved by the Planning Commission.

Protected Places

Per the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act of 2022, medical cannabis dispensaries are hereby prohibited from locating within a distance of one thousand (1000) feet from the main point entry of the dispensary to the nearest property boundary of any protected place. The property boundary of a protected place operating within a leased or rented space as part of a shared structure or parcel in which other commercial establishments are located, such as a shopping center, strip mall, plaza, hotel, motel, etc., will be measured from the boundary of the leased or rented space in which the protected place operates.

Medical Cannabis Dispensary Distance Requirement

No medical cannabis dispensary may be located within one-thousand-five-hundred feet radius from the main point of entry of the dispensary to the main point of entry of another medical cannabis dispensary.

Variance in distance restrictions.

Variance in the distance restrictions may be granted by right only when a medical cannabis establishment has received written approval from the school, church, or child care facility, has applied for a waiver with its respective licensing agency, and provided that the main point of entry of the cannabis establishment is not located within five hundred (500) feet of the nearest property boundary of any school, church, or child care facility.

Local ordinances

As the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, Section 19-1, provides that the local municipality may enact ordinances to govern the time, place, and manner of medical cannabis establishment operations, protected places include any school, church, or childcare facility as defined by this code.

Design Standards

Cannabis testing, research, cultivation, processing and dispensary must comply with the design standards found in Chapter__ Section__.

Hours of operation

The hours of operating a medical cannabis dispensary shall be from no earlier than 8:00am to no later than 9:00pm.

Prohibitions

- A medical cannabis establishment may not share office space with or refer patients to a practitioner and may not include a drive through, curbside pickup, or delivery services.
- Consuming, smoking, and vaping medical cannabis in any public place or in a motor vehicle is not allowed inside the city limits.

Signage

All medical cannabis establishments are subject to sign regulations as defined by Section __ of this Code and all provisions for advertising and marketing set forth in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act of 2022 and established criteria by the Mississippi State Department of Health as set forth in Title 15, Par 22, Subpart 3. No medical cannabis establishment may advertise or market on posted signage which

- is enlarged so as to violate the provisions of this ordinance
- depicts cartoon or other imagery that would attract or appeal to minors
- displays paraphernalia or the use of paraphernalia
- is located in zones where medical cannabis establishments are unable to locate
- is mobile or provided through unsolicited leaflets, brochures, or handbills
- is located on public transit, publicly owned property, or within 1,000 feet of protected places
- is located off-premises of the establishment
- makes advertised claims which are not backed by research/science or in which sources can be used out of context
- depicts cannabis consumption or imagery of the cannabis plant, including bud and leaf imagery.

10.1
Mobile Home

1. Mobile homes are only allowed in existing mobile home parks or by variance granted by the Board of Aldermen in zones R-3 and A. The zoning must be checked and approved with the housing officer.
2. A deed to the property or 16th section lease in the name of the person requesting a variance must be presented to the housing officer.
3. The housing officer will furnish names of property owners within 400 feet in every direction. These property owners will be required to sign a petition granting permission to place a manufactured home on the location. Property owner's signature must be notarized.
4. All letters mailed to the property owners by Code and Zone will be done so by certified mail and a signed receipt required.
5. Failure to gain permission from a property owner within 400 feet will result in rejection of the application to place the manufactured housing.
6. Manufactured housing must be of the current year, never occupied and a minimum of 1200 Sq. Ft.
7. The front entrance of manufactured housing must be positioned parallel to the street and meet all property setbacks.
8. All state and federal regulations for the installation of mobile homes shall apply.
9. Upon the change of ownership, the variance will be revoked, and the owner shall have 60 days to move the mobile home out side of the city limits.
10. The make of the mobile home shall be the same year that the homeowner is applying for permit.