

**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN,
SOMERSET COUNTY
INTRODUCTION OF
ORDINANCE NO. 4515A-26**

The following Ordinance was introduced and read for the first time at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Franklin, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey on July 14, 2026. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Township Council to be held on August 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANK-
LIN, COUNTY OF SOMERSET,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
RESCINDING CHAPTER 92,
CANNABIS IN ITS ENTIRETY
AND REPLACE WITH A NEW
CHAPTER 92, CANNABIS**

SUMMARY

Ordinance No. 4515A-26 rescinds Chapter 92 (Cannabis) of the Township of Franklin Municipal Code in its entirety and replaces it with a new Chapter 92 establishing comprehensive licensing requirements for cannabis establishments operating within the Township. The new chapter defines the six classes of cannabis businesses (cultivator, manufacturer, wholesaler, distributor, retailer, and delivery service) consistent with State licensing categories, caps the number of retail cannabis dispensaries at 18, and sets annual license fees ranging from \$500 for microbusinesses to \$25,000 for the largest cultivators, along with a non-refundable initial application fee of \$500 (\$250 for microbusinesses).

All local licenses are issued by the Township Council, are valid for one year, and require documentation including proof of a State license in good standing, payment of real estate and transfer/user taxes, a security plan, and inventory-tracking procedures. The ordinance limits retail hours to 9:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. daily (with restricted hours for other license classes located near residential zones), authorizes municipal inspections, and establishes disciplinary procedures including escalating fines, summary suspension by the Township Clerk in emergencies, review-panel hearings, and suspension or revocation of licenses that are inactive or whose corresponding State license has lapsed.

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Township Clerk
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