

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the following ordinance
was approved for final adoption
by the Township Council of the
Township of Franklin at a Regular
Meeting held on August 11, 2026:

**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 require-
ments for cannabis establishments
operating within the Township. The
new chapter defines the six classes
of cannabis businesses (cultivator,
manufacturer, wholesaler, distrib-
utor, 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), au-
thorizes 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.

Ann Marie McCarthy, RMC, MMC
Township Clerk
Posted August 14, 2026
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