

County commissioners approve cannabis regulation ordinance

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Municipalities across New Mexico are currently figuring out what the new cannabis regulations will look like for their citizens now that the state is preparing to accept and process license applications for anyone who wants to produce marijuana beginning Sept. 1.

As McKinley County adapts to this law change, county commissioners have met multiple times to discuss what the county's ordinance would look like. During the Aug. 17 meeting they approved the final draft of the ordinance.

According to County Attorney Doug Decker, the county will have the same hours of operation for cannabis as the City of Gallup. The consumption of marijuana will be legal from 10 am to 2 am Monday-Saturday, but people will only be able to sell it from 10 am to 12 am. In addition, consumption will only be allowed from noon to midnight on Sundays.

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Use of marijuana products will be limited to the customer's home and the cannabis establishment where it was purchased.

The county ordinance states that a cannabis establishment must be at least 300 feet or more away from any residence, religious assembly, church, library, cultural center, public park, government facility, or other cannabis establishment.

The penalty for breaking the law when it comes to marijuana, will be \$300.