



CITY OF WARWICK

FRANK J. PICOZZI, MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Stephen P. McAllister, Council President
Warwick City Council Members
Lynn D'Abrosca, City Clerk

FROM: Warwick Planning Board
Thomas Kravitz, Planning Director **TK**

DATE: November 14, 2022

SUBJECT: PCO 28-22 Appendix A Zoning
Retail sale of Marijuana and Marijuana-related products

At the regularly scheduled meeting of November 9, 2022, the Planning Board voted unanimously to authorize staff to forward a positive recommendation to the City Council regarding the above-referenced amendment to the zoning ordinance.

The local zoning amendments are generally consistent with the City of Warwick Comprehensive Plan 2033, as amended, and Appendix A zoning section 103 purpose, as follows:

Generally consistent with the City of Warwick, Comprehensive Plan 2033, (Comprehensive Plan) which finds that land development in the future will increasingly involve redevelopment of previously used sites.

Over 60 percent of City residents who responded to a Comprehensive Plan survey, indicated that improving the appearance of major roads and commercial corridors is “very important”.

That Chapter 12 of the Comprehensive Plan, the Future Land Use, Zoning and Urban Design element, states as a Goal, that Warwick has sufficient diversity of land uses to support a strong and stable tax base, and to continue to balance land uses, particularly between regional retail and non-retail commercial uses.

The Planning Board also found this proposal to be generally consistent with the following purposes of the City’s Zoning Ordinance, as presented in Section 100, “Title and Purpose.”

103.1 Promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the City.

- 103.2 Provides for a range of uses and intensities of use appropriate to the character of the City and reflect current and future needs.
- 103.3 Provides for orderly growth and development, which recognizes:
- A) The goals and patterns of land use contained in the Comprehensive Plan of the city of Warwick.
 - E.) The availability and capacity of existing and planned public and/or private services and facilities;
 - F.) The need to shape and balance urban and suburban development;
- 103.10 Promote a high level of quality in design in the development of private and public facilities.
- 103.11 Promote the implementation of the Warwick Comprehensive community plan, as amended.