



City of Blaine

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Dear Representative West,

The City of Blaine supports legislative provisions that would allow for private cannabis operators to partner with municipalities in operating a municipal retail cannabis location.

The City of Blaine is exploring the possibility of partnering with a private entity to operate a retail cannabis store in Blaine. Because a potential partner is limited to only using a municipal license and cannot have their own retail location separately, it has limited the pool of potential partners.

Municipal cannabis stores provide the opportunity for alternative revenue sources for the city outside of property taxes that ease the property tax burden on residents and businesses within the city. It will also protect cities from uncertainties surrounding federal cannabis law by contracting with experienced operators instead of running the operation directly.

Thank you for your support in these provisions. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the City Manager, Erik Thorvig at ethorvig@blainemn.gov or myself at tsanders@blainemn.gov.

Sincerely,

Tim Sanders
Mayor