

Medical and Recreational Marijuana Timeline- Tyngsborough, MA

A near-unanimous moratorium vote for medical marijuana was followed by the unanimous adoption of Zoning Bylaw Section 5, regulating medical marijuana sales. Tyngsborough voted in favor of recreational marijuana on the 2016 State ballot, followed by unanimous support of a moratorium for the Planning Board to undertake the same planning process for recreational marijuana, which they are working on right now. They will bring recommendations to the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

November 6, 2012- A State ballot initiative approved medical marijuana sales in the Commonwealth

Tyngsborough voted 3,678 yes votes, 2,398 no votes

May 21, 2013- Tyngsborough Annual Town Meeting approved Article 30, a moratorium on medical marijuana to allow the Planning Board up to 12-months to create zoning amendments. Moderator counted 3 opposed and in excess of 74 in favor.

May 20, 2014- Tyngsborough Annual Town Meeting approved Article 36, adopting Zoning Bylaw Section 5, Special Requirements for Registered Marijuana Dispensaries
Unanimous Vote

November 8, 2016- A State ballot initiative approved recreational use and retail sales of marijuana in the Commonwealth

Tyngsborough voted 3,562 yes votes, 3,200 no votes

May 16, 2017- Tyngsborough Annual Town Meeting approved Article 35, a moratorium on recreational marijuana through December 31, 2018. Planning Board tasked with bringing appropriate zoning amendments back to town meeting prior to the expiration of the moratorium.
Unanimous Vote

*On September 11, 2017, the Board of Selectmen provided a letter of support to a Registered Medical Marijuana company that identified a parcel that appeared to a company in good standing and who had meet all of the zoning requirements, to give them permission to apply to the Planning Board for a Special Permit. At this time, the company has not applied to the Planning Board and the company has no authority to operate in Tyngsborough, simply permission to apply.

Please note, the State Attorney General has issued a decision that municipalities can't ban Medical Marijuana facilities, only regulate them. The ability to issue or deny a letter of support is meant to be a tool for municipalities to limit the number of establishments in their community.