

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE NO. 1887, SERIES 2024**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Louisville, Colorado, to be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at the hour of 6:00 p.m., at Louisville City Hall, 749 Main Street, Louisville, CO 80027 or in an electronic meeting, the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the final passage and adoption of a proposed **ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF NATURAL MEDICINE BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE AND AMENDING TITLE 9 TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL USE AND CULTIVATION OF NATURAL MEDICINE.**

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WHEREAS, the City of Louisville (the "City"), is a Colorado home rule municipal corporation duly organized and existing under laws of the State of Colorado and the City of Louisville Home Rule Charter (the "City Charter"); and

WHEREAS, the People of the State of Colorado approved the citizens' initiative known as "Proposition 122: Access to Natural Psychedelic Substances," which is codified in Colo. Rev. Stat. § 12-170-101, et seq. (the "Enabling Act") in November 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Enabling Act decriminalizes the personal possession, growing, sharing, and use, but not the sale, of natural psychedelic mushrooms (psilocybin and psilocin) and plant-based psychedelic substances (dimethyltryptamine, ibogaine, and mescaline), hereby referred to as Natural Medicine; and

WHEREAS, the Enabling Act allows for the supervised use of psychedelic mushrooms by individuals aged 21 and over at licensed facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Enabling Act allows for the cultivation, product manufacture, and testing of Natural Medicine at licensed facilities; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature enacted Senate Bill 23-290, which is codified in Colo. Rev. Stat. § 44-50-101, et seq. (the "Regulatory Act"), which establishes licensing

requirements and regulations for Natural Medicine businesses, including healing centers, cultivation facilities, and products manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, the Regulatory Act prohibits local governments from banning Natural Medicine businesses within their boundaries, but allows them to adopt and enact ordinances governing the time, place, and manner of the operation of licensed businesses and further allows them to vary the distance restrictions imposed by the Regulatory Act; and

WHEREAS, after a duly noticed public hearing held October 10, 2024, where evidence and testimony were entered into the record, including the Louisville Planning Commission Staff Report dated October 10, 2024, the Louisville Planning Commission has recommended the City Council adopt the amendments to the LMC set forth in this ordinance;

WHEREAS, City Council has provided notice of a public hearing on said ordinance by publication as provided by law and held a public hearing as provided in said notice; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to enact this ordinance to regulate the time, place, and manner of the operation of licensed Natural Medicine businesses by identifying the appropriate zoning districts in which Natural Medicine businesses may operate, by modifying the manner in which the distance restrictions under the Regulatory Act are computed, and by regulating the hours of operation for Natural Medicine businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further desires to establish penalties for offenses relating to unlawful use and cultivation of natural medicine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO:

Section 1. Louisville Municipal Code Chapter 17.08 (Definitions) is hereby amended by the addition of a new Section 17.08.338 and definitions as follows:

Sec. 17.08.338. – Natural medicine.

- A. *Natural medicine* means psilocybin or psilocyn and other substances described in the Regulatory Act as “natural medicine.”
- B. *Natural medicine business* includes a natural medicine healing center, a natural medicine cultivation facility, a natural medicine products manufacturer, or a natural medicine testing facility, or another licensed entity created by the state licensing authority.
- C. *Natural medicine cultivation facility* means a facility engaged in the cultivation of natural medicine.
- D. *Natural medicine healing center* means a facility licensed by the state licensing authority that permits a facilitator to provide and supervise natural medicine services

for a participant.

- E. *Natural medicine products manufacturer* means a facility engaged in the manufacturing of natural medicine products.
- F. *Natural medicine testing facility* means a facility engaged in the testing of and research on natural medicine and natural medicine products.
- G. *Regulatory Act* means the Colorado Natural Medicine Code, as codified in Colo. Rev. Stat. § 44-50-101, et seq., as amended.

In addition to the foregoing definitions, other terms used in this title shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Regulatory Act.

Section 2. Louisville Municipal Code Section 17.12.030 is hereby amended as follows (words to be added are underlined):

Sec. 17.12.030 – Use groups.

Use Groups	Districts																	
	A	A-O	B-O	A-OT	R-RR	SF-R	SF-E	R-R R-E R-L	SF-LD SF-MD SF-HD	R-M	R-H	C-N	C-C	C-B	I	PCZD	MU-R	OS
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62	<u>Natural medicine healing center</u>	No	Yes	Yes		No	No	No	No	No	No	R	Yes	Yes	R			No
63	<u>Natural medicine cultivation facility</u>	No	No	No		No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes			No
64	<u>Natural medicine products manufacturer</u>	No	No	No		No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes			No
65	<u>Natural medicine testing facility</u>	No	No	No		No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes			No

Section 3. Louisville Municipal Code Section 17.13.020 in Chapter 17.13 (Administrative office-transition zone district) is hereby amended as follows (words to be added are underlined):

Sec. 17.13.020 – Use groups

No land shall be used or occupied and no structure shall be designed, erected, altered, used, or occupied, except for one or more of the following uses by right,

provided that a use by right may be accompanied by lawful accessory uses and buildings:

- A. Professional and business offices;
- B. Medical and dental offices and clinics;
- C. Studios for professional work or teaching (instruction limited to no more than ten students) of any form of fine arts, photography, music, drama, dance but not including a commercial gymnasium.
- D. Natural medicine healing center

Section 4. Louisville Municipal Code Section 17.14.050, Table 1 in Chapter 17.14 (Mixed use zone districts) is hereby amended as follows (words to be added are underlined):

Sec. 17.14.050 – Permitted uses and district specific regulations

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TABLE 1: PRINCIPAL USES ALLOWED IN THE MIXED USE ZONE DISTRICTS		
Yes = Permitted By-Right	No = Not Permitted	
R = Permitted Subject to Special Review		
PRINCIPAL USES	CC	MU-R

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Office Use Group		
Financial institutions—No drive through facility	Yes	Yes
Financial institutions with drive-through facility per CDDSG Section 2.1.2	Yes	No
General research facilities	No	No
Medical and dental clinics	Yes	Yes
Professional and businesses offices	Yes	Yes
Research and development	No	No
Small animal clinics (fully enclosed)	Yes	No
<u>Natural medicine healing center</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>

Section 5. Louisville Municipal Code Section 17.16.040 in Chapter 17.16 (General regulations) is hereby amended as follows (words to be added are underlined):

Sec. 17.16.040 – Home occupations

Home occupations shall be allowed as a permitted accessory use governed by the following regulations:

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- H. The following uses, because of their tendency to go beyond the limits permitted for home occupations and thereby impair the use and value of the residential area, shall not be permitted as home occupations: auto repair or motorized implement repair; dance, music or other types of instruction (if more than four students being

instructed at one time); dental offices; medical offices; **natural medicine businesses**; medical marijuana businesses; medical marijuana optional premises cultivation operations; retail marijuana establishments; retail marijuana cultivation facilities; the painting of vehicles, trailers or boats; private schools with organized classes; radio and television repair; barber and/or beauty shop; welding shops; nursing homes; massage therapy by a massage therapist; sexually oriented businesses; and, irrespective of whether the use may be categorized as a sexually oriented business, any retail or wholesale sales to consumers upon the premises of any types of materials specified in this title which describe or depict specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas.

Section 6. Louisville Municipal Code Chapter 17.16 (General regulations) is hereby amended by the addition of a new Section 17.16.340 as follows:

Sec. 17.16.340 – Natural medicine businesses

- A. *Purpose.* The Colorado Natural Medicine Code, as codified in the Regulatory Act, specifically authorizes the governing body of a municipality to enact an ordinance to regulate the time, place, and manner of the operation of natural medicine businesses.
- B. *Distance from schools.* No natural medicine business may be located within one thousand (1,000) feet of a child care center; preschool, elementary, middle, junior, or high school; or a residential child care facility. The distance shall be determined by a direct measurement from the nearest property line of the land used for a school or for child care to the nearest property line of the site containing the natural medicine business.
- C. *Hours of operation.* The provision of natural medicine services at a natural medicine healing center shall only occur between the hours of 8:00am and 10:00pm.

Section 7. Louisville Municipal Code Title 9 (Public Peace and Welfare) is hereby amended by the addition of a new Chapter 9.42 as follows:

Chapter 9.42
Offenses Relating to Natural Medicine

Sec. 9.42.010. Definitions.

Natural medicine means dimethyltryptamine, mescaline, ibogaine, psilocybin, or psilocyn, or any other substance listed in Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-18-434, as amended.

Natural medicine product means a product infused with natural medicine that is intended for consumption.

In addition to the foregoing definitions, other terms used in this chapter shall have the meanings ascribed to them in Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-18-434, as amended.

Sec. 9.42.020. Underage possession of natural medicine.

(a) It is unlawful for a person under the age of twenty-one (21) to knowingly possess or consume natural medicine or a natural medicine product.

(b) A person convicted of violating this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) or not more than four (4) hours of substance abuse education or counseling; except that a second or subsequent conviction is subject to a fine of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200), not more than four (4) hours of substance use education or counseling, and not more than twenty-four (24) hours of useful public service.

Sec. 9.42.030. Unlawful display or consumption of natural medicine.

(a) It is unlawful for a person to openly and publicly display or consume natural medicine or a natural medicine product.

(b) A person convicted of violating this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) and not more than twenty-four (24) hours of useful public service.

Sec. 9.42.040. Unlawful cultivation of natural medicine.

(a) It is unlawful for a person to knowingly cultivate natural medicine that cumulatively exceeds an area of more than twelve (12) feet wide by twelve (12) feet long in one or more cultivation areas on private property, or for a person who owns, occupies, or controls private property to knowingly allow such cultivation.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), it is unlawful for any person to knowingly cultivate natural medicine on private property outside of an enclosed or locked space, or for any person who owns, occupies, or controls private property to knowingly allow such cultivation.

(c) It shall not be a violation of subsection (b), if the person cultivating the natural medicine is twenty-one (21) years of age or older, if the cultivation area is located in a dwelling on private property, and:

(1) If a person under the age of twenty-one (21) lives at the dwelling, the cultivation area itself is enclosed and locked; or

(2) If no person under the age of twenty-one (21) lives at the dwelling, the external locks on the dwelling constitute an enclosed and locked space, but if a

person under the age of twenty-one (21) enters the dwelling, the person cultivating the natural medicine shall ensure that access to the cultivation area is reasonably restricted while the person under the age of twenty-one (21) is present on the private property.

(d) A person convicted of violating subsection (a) or (b) shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Section 8. If any portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each part hereof irrespective of the fact that any one part be declared invalid.

Section 9. The repeal or modification of any provision of the Municipal Code of the City of Louisville by this ordinance shall not release, extinguish, alter, modify, or change in whole or in part any penalty, forfeiture, or liability, either civil or criminal, which shall have been incurred under such provision, and each provision shall be treated and held as still remaining in force for the purpose of sustaining any and all proper actions, suits, proceedings, and prosecutions for the enforcement of the penalty, forfeiture, or liability, as well as for the purpose of sustaining any judgment, decree, or order which can or may be rendered, entered, or made in such actions, suits, proceedings, or prosecutions.

Section 10. All other ordinances or portions thereof inconsistent or conflicting with this ordinance or any portion hereof are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED ON FIRST READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this 4th day of November 2024.

Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

ATTEST:
Genny Kline, Interim City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Kelly PC, City Attorney

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING, this ___ day of _____, 2024.

Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

ATTEST:
Genny Kline, Interim City Clerk