



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



**Requested Meeting Date:** December 17, 2024

**Title of Item:** Cannabis Licensing Joint Powers Agreement with Cornish Township

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only
<b>Submitted by:</b> Jessica Seibert		<b>Department:</b> Administration
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> n/a		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> n/a
<b>Summary of Issue:</b> Please see the attached Joint Powers Agreement between Aitkin County and Cornish Township.		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b> Approve Joint Powers Agreement between the Aitkin County and Cornish Township.		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

**JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY  
OF AITKIN AND CORNISH TOWNSHIP  
FOR THE ENFORCEMENT AND REGULATION OF CANNABIS**

This agreement is made between the County of Aitkin and CORNISH TOWNSHIP for administration and regulation of cannabis as regulated under Minnesota Chapter 342 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

This agreement is authorized by Minnesota Statutes § 342.22, subdivision 1 and Minn. Stat. § 471.59.

The County of Aitkin and CORNISH TOWNSHIP agree that:

1. The County of Aitkin will act in place of CORNISH TOWNSHIP as the local government unit for the regulation and enforcement of cannabis under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 342 and any rules or regulations adopted under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 342 by the State of Minnesota or the Office of Cannabis Management.
2. The County of Aitkin is authorized to adopt, administer, and enforce within the jurisdictional limits of CORNISH TOWNSHIP any ordinances, laws, regulations, or registration requirements concerning cannabis including, but not limited to, the adoption of a moratorium and the adoption of a limit on the number of retailer registrations issued as allowed under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 342.
3. The County of Aitkin is authorized and has the consent of CORNISH TOWNSHIP to review and certify to the Office of Cannabis Management if the business applying for a license in CORNISH TOWNSHIP complies with local zoning ordinances and, if applicable, state fire and building codes. The shall provide the County of Aitkin, within 30 days of receipt of the license application, with any additional information it believes is relevant to the license review and the County of Aitkin shall attach such information to the certification materials submitted to the Office of Cannabis Management.
4. The County of Aitkin is authorized and has the consent of the CORNISH TOWNSHIP to register and enforce all registration requirements, including but not limited to compliance checks and registration suspension related actions, under Minnesota Statute §342.22. Any fees or penalties collected for registration and enforcement will remain entirely with the County of Aitkin. The parties will retain any Local Government Cannabis Aid allocated to them by the State of Minnesota.
5. The County of Aitkin will annually provide sufficient funding for the administration, enforcement and registration of the possession, sale and use of cannabis within the jurisdiction limits of CORNISH TOWNSHIP. Source of funds shall be through State grant funds, County cannabis aid funds, general revenue funds and the collection of fees and penalties as established by the County of Aitkin.

The Parties of this Agreement are not liable for the acts or omissions of the other participants to this Agreement except to the extent to which they have agreed in writing to be responsible for acts or omissions of the other Parties.

This agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the County of Aitkin and CORNISH TOWNSHIP by resolutions of their respective boards.

This agreement shall become effective upon signature of all duly authorized signatures, and shall remain in effect until terminated by agreement of the parties or thirty days after written notice of termination by either party.

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Aitkin County  
Board Chair

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County Administration

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*Randy South*  
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CORNISH TOWNSHIP  
TOWNSHIP BOARD CHAIR

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