



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: December 17, 2024

Title of Item: Cannabis Licensing Joint Powers Agreement with Rice River Township

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA	Action Requested:	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item
	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Only
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	

Submitted by: Jessica Seibert	Department: Administration
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Presenter (Name and Title): n/a	Estimated Time Needed: n/a
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Summary of Issue:
Please see the attached Joint Powers Agreement between Aitkin County and Rice River Township.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:
Approve Joint Powers Agreement between the Aitkin County and Rice River Township.

Financial Impact:
 Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes No
 What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$
 Is this budgeted? Yes No *Please Explain:*

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

This agreement is made between the County of Aitkin and the Rice River 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 the Rice River Township agree that:

1. The County of Aitkin will act in place of the Rice River 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.
1. The County of Aitkin is authorized to adopt, administer, and enforce within the jurisdictional limits of Rice River 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.
1. The County of Aitkin is authorized and has the consent of the Rice River Township to review and certify to the Office of Cannabis Management if the business applying for a license in Rice River Township complies with local zoning ordinances and, if applicable, state fire and building codes. The Rice River Township 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.
1. The County of Aitkin is authorized and has the consent of the Rice River 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.
1. 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 Rice River 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.
 1. 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 the Rice River 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.

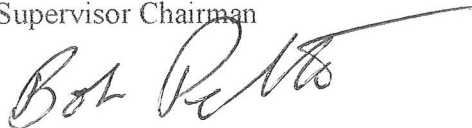
Aitkin County
Board Chair

Aitkin County
County Administration

Date

Date

Rice River Township
Bob Peltó, Supervisor Chairman
Date

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Peltó". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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