

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE LEWIS COUNTY CODE	)	
REGARDING CANNABIS LAND USES AND CANNABIS	)	
RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS	)	ORDINANCE 1379

WHEREAS, RCW 69.50 and applicable regulations of the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board authorize the licensing and operation of cannabis retail establishments within the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2026, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) directed staff to prepare amendments to the Lewis County Code that would allow cannabis retail establishments in certain commercial zoning districts within unincorporated Lewis County and remove provisions allowing cannabis production and processing; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments include revisions to Lewis County Code Chapter 5.20 (Licenses), Chapter 17.10 (Definitions), Chapter 17.42 (Land Use Summary Table), and Chapter 17.142 (Cannabis Production, Processing, and Cannabis Retail), and repeal Chapter 5.20 as set forth in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on May 26, 2026, regarding the proposed amendments set forth in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, following its public hearing, the Planning Commission transmitted its recommendation to the BOCC for consideration as set forth in Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, August 4, 2026, the BOCC passed Resolution No. 26- XX scheduling a public hearing on the proposed code amendments and directed the Clerk of the Board to provide notice of the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC held a duly noticed public hearing on August 18, 2026, to receive public testimony and consider the proposed amendments contained in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC finds that the proposed amendments are consistent with state law, support orderly land use regulation, provide reasonable standards for cannabis retail establishments, protect public health and safety, and are in the best interests of the residents of Lewis County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the BOCC hereby adopts the amendments to Lewis County Code Chapters 5.20, 17.10, 17.42, and 17.142, as set forth in Exhibit A, effective _____, 2026.

PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION on this 7th day of July 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

By: Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Chair

ATTEST:

Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

Sean D. Swope, Commissioner