

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED MORATORIUM

REGARDING RETAIL SALE & RETAIL

SOCIAL CLUBS FOR MARIJUANA

CITY OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

The City of Belfast City Council, at its meeting of Tuesday, July 18, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as practical thereafter, in the Council Chambers of Belfast City Hall, which is located at 131 Church Street, shall conduct a public hearing regarding adoption of a proposed extension to an existing Moratorium to prohibit the following activities that will be permitted by the 'Marijuana Legalization Act': operation of a marijuana retail sale establishment, operation of a marijuana cultivation establishment for retail sale, and operation of a marijuana retail social club. The City Council, at its meeting of January 3, 2017, adopted a moratorium for 180 days to prohibit such activities, and now intends to extend this moratorium for an additional 180 days and to have the extension of this moratorium be retroactive to July 2, 2017. The purpose of this proposed Moratorium is to enable City officials and the community an opportunity to decide how Belfast may want to establish local regulations that would apply to the operation of the newly permitted activities regarding marijuana. Belfast does not intend to act on local regulations until after the State adopts its regulations; the State has not yet enacted regulations.

Persons who may be affected by the proposed Moratorium are encouraged to attend the July 18 public hearing and to offer comment. Alternatively, comment can be submitted in writing to Wayne Marshall, City Planner, City of Belfast, 131 Church St, Belfast, ME, 04915, or by email to wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org. The language for the proposed Moratorium can be viewed on the City website, cityofbelfast.org, reference Planning and Codes tab, and a copy is available for inspection at the Code and Planning Offices in City Hall during normal business hours, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Questions regarding the proposal should be directed to Wayne Marshall, City Planner, at 338-1417 x 25, or by email at wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org.