

**NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM, VERMONT
MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES PROHIBITED ORDINANCE**

Pursuant to Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated, sections 1972 and 1973, the Selectboard of the Town of Rockingham, Vermont, adopted the following Town Ordinance on October 3, 2013.

The Ordinance shall become effective sixty days after the vote to adopt. The adoption of the Ordinance may be disapproved by a vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the Town voting at an annual or special meeting duly warned for the purpose, pursuant to a petition for a vote on the question of approving the adoption. A petition for a vote on the question of approving the adoption shall be signed by no less than five percent of the qualified voters of the Town of Rockingham, and presented to the Selectboard of Town Clerk within forty-four days following the date of action by the Selectboard.

The full text of the ordinance is available for review at the Rockingham Town Clerk's Office, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Municipal Manager Willis "Chip" Stearns, Town Hall, 7 Square (P.O. Box 370), Bellows Falls, Vermont, tel. 802-463-3964. The municipal website may be found at www.rockbf.org. It is updated as needed.

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM, VERMONT
ORDINANCE PROHIBITING MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES**

PROHIBITED USE

SECTION 1 PURPOSE

It is hereby declared that the operation of a marijuana dispensary within the Town of Rockingham, Vermont, is affected with a public interest and that the regulation of such dispensary is necessary in the interest of the safety and convenience of the public.

SECTION 2 DEFINITIONS

- (1) Marijuana dispensary – As defined in 18 V.S.A., Chapter 86.

SECTION 3 PROHIBITION

Marijuana dispensaries, as defined in 18 V.S.A. Chapter 86, are prohibited within the Town of Rockingham, Vermont. This prohibition shall include dispensaries that distribute and/or cultivate marijuana.

SECTION 4 PENALTY

(a) A violation of this ordinance shall be a civil matter enforced in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §1974a and §1977 et seq. A civil penalty of up to \$800.00, as authorized by 24 V.S.A. §1974a, may be imposed for a violation of this ordinance and the waiver fee shall be set at \$200.00 for each offense. Each day that the violation continues will constitute a separate violation of this ordinance.

(b) Per 24. V.S.A. §1974a (c), the Town of Rockingham may make application to the judicial bureau to order the civil ordinance violation to cease.

SECTION 5 ORDINANCE IN FORCE

- (a) Date of Enactment: Adopted by the Town of Rockingham, Vermont, Selectboard this 3rd day of October, 2013, in the State of Vermont, County of Windham, Town of Rockingham, at a duly warned and duly held meeting of said Selectboard.
- (b) Ordinance in Effect: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect sixty (60) days from the date of adoption.

Effective date: December 2, 2013.

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM, VERMONT, SELECTBOARD
s/Thomas MacPhee, Chair
s/ Peter Golec, Vice-chair
s/Ann DiBernardo
s/Susan Hammond