



State of Connecticut Public Act 21-1 was adopted by the CT General Assembly this past summer regarding cannabis (recreational marijuana). The full text of the Act, at 303 pages, is too long to attach; however, it can be found by visiting the CT General Assembly's website and searching for "21-1": <https://www.cga.ct.gov/>

**What the Commission's poll on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 IS about:**

Under State of Connecticut PA 21-1, the Town's Planning & Zoning Commission has the authority to determine whether or not to allow the production, manufacture, and/or retail sale of cannabis (recreational marijuana) and cannabis-related products within the boundaries of the Town of Thomaston, and if allowed, to establish pertinent zoning requirements. After some initial discussions among the P&Z members at a special meeting in August 2021, the members of the Commission ultimately decided that they wanted input from the Town's residents to better determine the direction future discussions should take on this issue.

**What the Commission's poll on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 is NOT about:**

- *Palliative (medical) marijuana.* Medical marijuana was legalized under State of Connecticut PA 12-55, has already been authorized in the Town of Thomaston Zoning Regulations, and will remain so.
- *Private use or growing of cannabis on private properties.* Private use was specifically addressed by State of Connecticut PA 21-1, and the Town's Planning & Zoning Commission does not have any authority on this matter.
- *Use of cannabis on Town of Thomaston property.* The Town of Thomaston Board of Selectmen recently held a town meeting where it was decided to prohibit cannabis use on Town-owned property. The P&Z has no authority over this matter either.

As an informal poll separate from elections and any questions on the official ballot, the results are legally nonbinding. However, the members of the P&Z have agreed that they will be guided by the general will of Thomaston's residents as expressed in this informal poll as they move forward with any discussions of necessary amendments to the zoning regulations.

It is important to note that the Commission has already adopted a moratorium on cannabis establishments, which means that the Commission will not accept and/or act on applications for the period of time the moratorium is in place. The moratorium runs through December 2, 2021, and is likely to be extended to no later than June 2, 2021 in order to allow time for this poll to run and be counted, additional guidance documents from to the State to be published, and any necessary zoning regulations to be drafted and adopted.



Shall the Town of Thomaston Planning & Zoning Commission undertake a process of amending the Zoning Regulations to expressly prohibit all commercial cannabis (recreational marijuana) establishments (as that term is defined in State of Connecticut Public Act 21-1) in the Town of Thomaston?

Yes       No

**Complete the section below only if you answered “NO” above:**

Shall the Town of Thomaston Planning & Zoning Commission undertake a process of amending the Zoning Regulations to permit the cultivation of cannabis for commercial (not personal or palliative) use in the Town of Thomaston?

Yes       No

Shall the Town of Thomaston Planning & Zoning Commission undertake a process of amending the Zoning Regulations to permit the retail sale of cannabis, cannabis products, and paraphernalia (as those terms are defined in State of Connecticut Public Act 21-1) within the Town of Thomaston?

Yes       No

Shall the Town of Thomaston Planning & Zoning Commission undertake a process of amending the Zoning Regulations to permit the manufacture of cannabis products and paraphernalia (as those terms are defined in State of Connecticut Public Act 21-1) within the Town of Thomaston?

Yes       No

Thank you for providing input on this important matter!