

Springfield Township OKs License for Cannabis Delivery Service

Springfield Township Approves Cannabis Delivery Service License After Special Meeting

In a special meeting held on Thursday, August 22, the Springfield Township Committee voted to approve the license for a new cannabis delivery service, marking a significant step forward in the township's evolving cannabis landscape.

State Licensing and Local Approval

The Springfield Township Committee made it clear that their approval was contingent on the applicant also securing a state-issued license from New Jersey to operate within the township. The service, once operational, will function as a dispatch unit and headquarters, coordinating deliveries from local dispensaries to customers.

Committeeman Alex Keiser, who was part of a subcommittee that met with the delivery service representatives, expressed confidence in the establishment. "We heard them out. I think they are a fine establishment. They answered all our questions," Keiser said during the meeting. He emphasized that the service's operations would not involve storing cannabis on-site in Springfield, as the location will serve primarily as an administrative hub.

"There might not be any cannabis in Springfield," Keiser added, explaining that the delivery service's operations depend on their partnerships with dispensaries and the locations of their clientele.

Concerns About Age Verification

Committeeman Rich Huber raised concerns about the potential for minors to falsify their age when placing orders through the delivery service. Reflecting on his own youth, Huber said, "When I was 16, I could show proof that I was 16," highlighting the ease with which minors might attempt to circumvent age restrictions.

Township attorney Kraig Dowd responded by reassuring the committee that the delivery service had presented a robust and sophisticated system for verifying the identities and ages of customers. This system, according to Dowd, is designed to prevent underage access to cannabis products.

Unanimous Vote for Approval

Despite earlier reservations, Huber, who also serves on the Springfield Planning Board and had abstained from a previous vote on the license, ultimately voted in favor of the approval. The vote passed with a unanimous 4-0 decision, with Committeeman *Chris Capodice* absent from the meeting.

The approval of the cannabis delivery service license marks a new chapter for Springfield Township, as it continues to navigate the complexities of cannabis regulation and ensure the safety and compliance of new businesses within its borders.

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