



SAMPLE BALLOT
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
STOW, MASSACHUSETTS
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TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☐

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Stow adopt the following Zoning Bylaw?

3.8.4. CRAFT MARIJUANA CULTIVATOR COOPERATIVES, as defined in M.G.L. c.94G Section 10, shall be prohibited in the Town of Stow.

Summary of the Zoning Bylaw prepared by Stow Town Counsel:

Craft Marijuana Cultivator Cooperatives are defined by state law as marijuana cultivators comprised of residents of the commonwealth organized as a limited liability company or limited liability partnership under the laws of the commonwealth, or an appropriate business structure as determined by the commission, and that are licensed to cultivate, obtain, manufacture, process, package and brand marijuana and marijuana products to deliver marijuana to marijuana establishments but not to consumers. Independent Craft Marijuana Cultivator Cooperatives are required to be in compliance with security and operations requirements contained in relevant state regulations.

The October 1, 2018 Special Town Meeting approved the Bylaw above by the necessary two-thirds vote.

YES ☐

NO ☐

QUESTION 2

Shall the Town of Stow adopt the following Zoning Bylaw?

3.8.5. INDEPENDENT MARIJUANA TESTING LABORATORY, as defined in M.G.L. c.94G Section 1, shall be prohibited in the Town of Stow.

Summary of the Zoning Bylaw prepared by Stow Town Counsel:

Independent Marijuana Testing Laboratories are defined by state law as a laboratory that is: (a) licensed by the Cannabis Control Commission ("Commission"); (Bb) independent financially from any medical marijuana treatment center or any licensee or marijuana establishment for which it conducts a test, and (c) qualified to test marijuana in compliance with regulations promulgated by the Commission pursuant to state law.

It is anticipated that these laboratories will be similar to medical laboratories and other light industrial/office buildings. Independent Marijuana Testing Laboratories will not include a retail sales component. Independent Marijuana Testing Laboratories are required to be in compliance with security and operations requirements contained in relevant state regulations.

The October 1, 2018 Special Town Meeting did not approve the Bylaw above. The number and location of INDEPENDENT MARIJUANA TESTING LABORATORIES in the Town of Stow will be regulated by the Zoning Bylaw as adopted by Article 1 of the October 1, 2018 Special Town Meeting.

YES ☐

NO ☐

QUESTION 3

Shall the Town of Stow adopt the following Zoning Bylaw?

3.8.6. MARIJUANA CULTIVATORS, as defined in M.G.L. c.94G Section 1, shall be prohibited in the Town of Stow.

Summary of the Zoning Bylaw prepared by Stow Town Counsel:

Marijuana Cultivators are defined by state law as entities licensed to cultivate, process and package marijuana, to deliver marijuana to marijuana establishments and to transfer marijuana to other marijuana establishments, but not directly to consumers.

Marijuana Cultivators are anticipated to take the form of industrial facilities and/or light industrial warehouse space. Marijuana Cultivators are allowed to cultivate outdoors, provided they are in compliance with security and operations requirements outlined in the Cannabis Control Commission regulations. Marijuana Cultivators do not appear to be able to qualify as an agricultural use entitled to certain exemptions from the Zoning Bylaw. Marijuana Cultivators do not include the right to conduct retail sales of marijuana. Marijuana Cultivators are required to be in compliance with security and operations requirements contained in relevant state regulations.

The October 1, 2018 Special Town Meeting approved the Bylaw above by the necessary two-thirds vote.

YES ☐

NO ☐

VOTE BOTH SIDES

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Stow adopt the following Zoning Bylaw?

3.8.7. MARIJUANA MICROBUSINESS, as defined in Cannabis Control Commission regulations 935 CMR 500, shall be prohibited in the Town of Stow.

Summary of the Zoning Bylaw prepared by Stow Town Counsel:

Summary: Marijuana Microbusinesses are defined by state law as a co-located Marijuana Establishment that can be either a small-scale Marijuana Cultivator, growing up to 5,000 square feet of total plant canopy, or Product Manufacturer or both. A Microbusiness that is a Marijuana Product Manufacturer may purchase no more than 2,000 pounds of marijuana per year from other Marijuana Establishments. The Cannabis Control Commission regulations require the owners of Microbusinesses to be Massachusetts residents. Microbusinesses can partake in small-scale cultivation and manufacturing. It is anticipated that Microbusinesses would be similar to other light industrial structures. Marijuana Microbusinesses will not include a retail sales component. Marijuana Microbusinesses are required to be in compliance with security and operations requirements contained in relevant state regulations.

The October 1, 2018 Special Town Meeting approved the Bylaw above by the necessary two-thirds vote.

YES ☐

NO ☐

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Stow adopt the following Zoning Bylaw?

3.8.8. MARIJUANA PRODUCT MANUFACTURER, as defined in M.G.L. c.94G Section 1, shall be prohibited in the Town of Stow.

Summary of the Zoning Bylaw prepared by Stow Town Counsel:

Marijuana Product Manufacturers are defined by state law as entities licensed to obtain, manufacture, process and package marijuana and marijuana products, to deliver marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to transfer marijuana and marijuana products to other marijuana establishments, but not directly to consumers.

Marijuana Product Manufacturers are anticipated to take the form of industrial facilities, commercial kitchen space and other food manufacturing facilities. Marijuana Product Manufacturers will not include a retail component. Marijuana Product Manufacturers are required to be in compliance with security and operations requirements contained in relevant state regulations.

The October 1, 2018 Special Town Meeting did not approve the Bylaw above. The number and location of MARIJUANA PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS in the Town of Stow will be regulated by the Zoning Bylaw as adopted by Article 1 of the October 1, 2018 Special Town Meeting.

YES ☐

NO ☐

QUESTION 6

Shall the Town of Stow adopt the following Zoning Bylaw?

3.8.9. MARIJUANA RESEARCH FACILITIES, as defined in Cannabis Control Commission regulations 935 CMR 500, shall be prohibited in the Town of Stow.

Summary of the Zoning Bylaw prepared by Stow Town Counsel:

Marijuana Research Facilities are defined by state law as entities engaging in research projects, including cultivation, purchase or acquisition of marijuana for the purpose of conducting research regarding marijuana and marijuana products or any analogous uses. A marijuana research facility may be an academic institution, non-profit corporation, domestic corporation, or entity authorized to do business in Massachusetts. Marijuana Research Facilities are anticipated to take the form of office, laboratory or light industrial space. Marijuana Research Facilities are required to be in compliance with security and operations requirements contained in relevant state regulations.

The October 1, 2018 Special Town Meeting did not approve the Bylaw above. The number and location of MARIJUANA RESEARCH FACILITIES in the Town of Stow will be regulated by the Zoning Bylaw as adopted by Article 1 of the October 1, 2018 Special Town Meeting.

YES ☐

NO ☐

QUESTION 7

Shall the Town of Stow adopt the following Zoning Bylaw?

3.8.10. MARIJUANA RETAILER, as defined in M.G.L. c.94G Section 1, shall be prohibited in the Town of Stow.

Summary of the Zoning Bylaw prepared by Stow Town Counsel:

Marijuana Retailers are defined by state law as an entity licensed to purchase and deliver marijuana and marijuana products from marijuana establishments and to deliver, sell or otherwise transfer marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to consumers.

The October 1, 2018 Special Town Meeting approved the above Bylaw by the necessary two-thirds vote.

YES ☐

NO ☐

VOTE BOTH SIDES