



# The Legalization of Cannabis

Public Engagement Summary

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**In Person question topics:** Retail sales locations, retail sales regulations, production facility and regulations, consumption, locations (smoking, vaping, oils), residential growing

**Online question topics:** Retail sales regulations, retail sales locations, consumption locations, residential growing, additional feedback, other information.

\*\*For a complete list of the engagement questions and the results for the in person workshops please visit [engage.calgary.ca/cannabis](http://engage.calgary.ca/cannabis) 2

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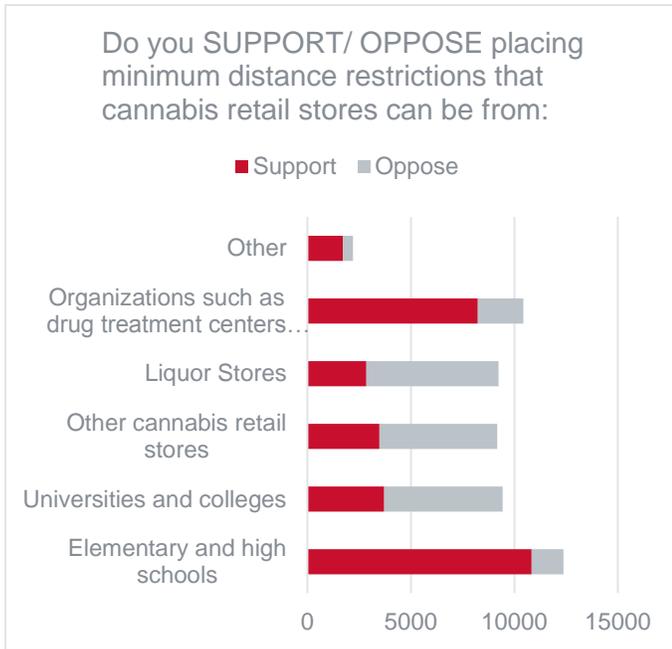
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## Engagement Overview

In 2017 November, The City of Calgary held stakeholder workshops with representatives from community and business organizations to discuss policy and regulation areas regarding business licencing, community standards bylaws, land use planning and other affected bylaws. From 2017 November 20 to 2017 December 10, The City of Calgary hosted an online survey on its engagement portal at [www.engage.calgary.ca](http://www.engage.calgary.ca) to solicit feedback from Calgarians. Input from both the workshops and online survey is being used to help inform changes and updates to affected bylaws, and inform whether new bylaws or policies are required to respond to the legalization of recreational cannabis.

# What we heard: online summary

## Retail sales regulations

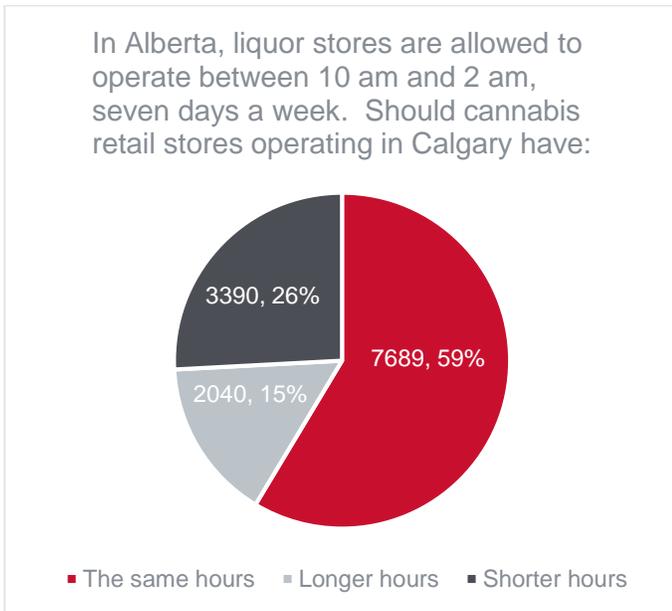


Support minimum distances other:

- Parks/playgrounds/green spaces
- Daycares
- Bars/restaurants
- Hospitals
- Places of worship
- Residential areas
- No restrictions
- Public transit

Oppose minimum distances other:

- Parks/playgrounds/green spaces
- Hospitals
- Bars/restaurants
- No restrictions



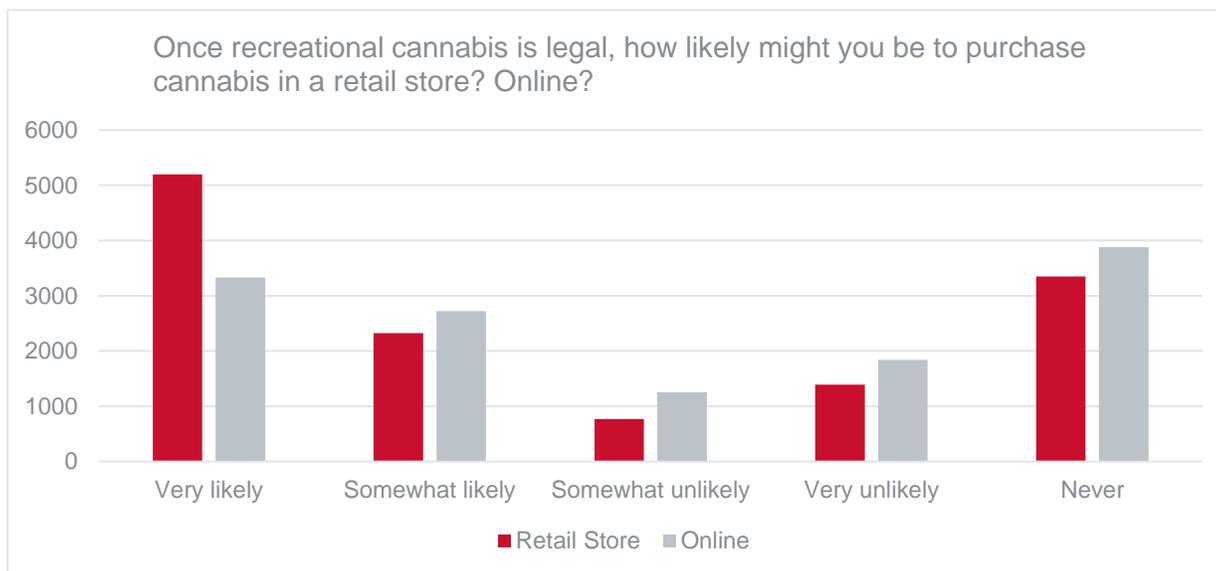
## Retail Sales Locations

1. Are there preferred areas where private retail stores SHOULD be located? Why?

- Many participants indicated that there were no preferred areas and instead retail stores should be located where there is market demand.
- Locations that are convenient, walkable and easily accessible to the public, including being accessible by transit.
- Primarily commercial areas, business districts, downtown, inner city, more densely populated neighbourhoods or industrial areas were preferred over residential neighbourhoods to prevent crime and increased noise or traffic in residential areas and limit exposure to minors.
- Locating stores next to police stations or in high traffic, well-lit areas were also suggested as ways to provide additional safety measures.
- Some suggested that retail stores should be located next to medical facilities, including pharmacies, to increase ease of access for individuals consuming marijuana for medicinal purposes.
- Many participants also felt that retail stores should be located in the areas where liquor stores are allowed to be located.

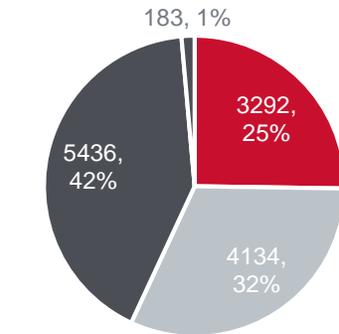
2. Are there preferred areas where private retail stores SHOULD NOT be located? Why?

- Retail stores should not be located adjacent to schools, including elementary, junior or senior high schools and other areas where youth gather, such as parks, playgrounds and malls.
- Participants also felt that retail stores should not be located adjacent to drug treatment/rehabilitation centres or homeless shelters.
- There were safety concerns about locating retail stores in areas that are isolated such as industrial areas, and areas that already have a high occurrence of crime.
- Participants shared that retail stores should not be located in residential areas to limit exposure to youth and prevent potential crime.
- Many participants felt that there should not be any restrictions to where a retail store should be located and the market will help to control where a store might be located.
- Some indicated that there did not need to be any additional restrictions for retail stores than there are currently for liquor stores.



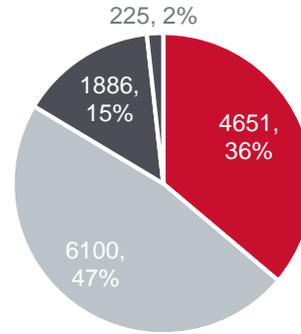
## Consumption Regulations

Compared to Alberta's provincial liquor law should the rules regarding consumption of cannabis in public places be:



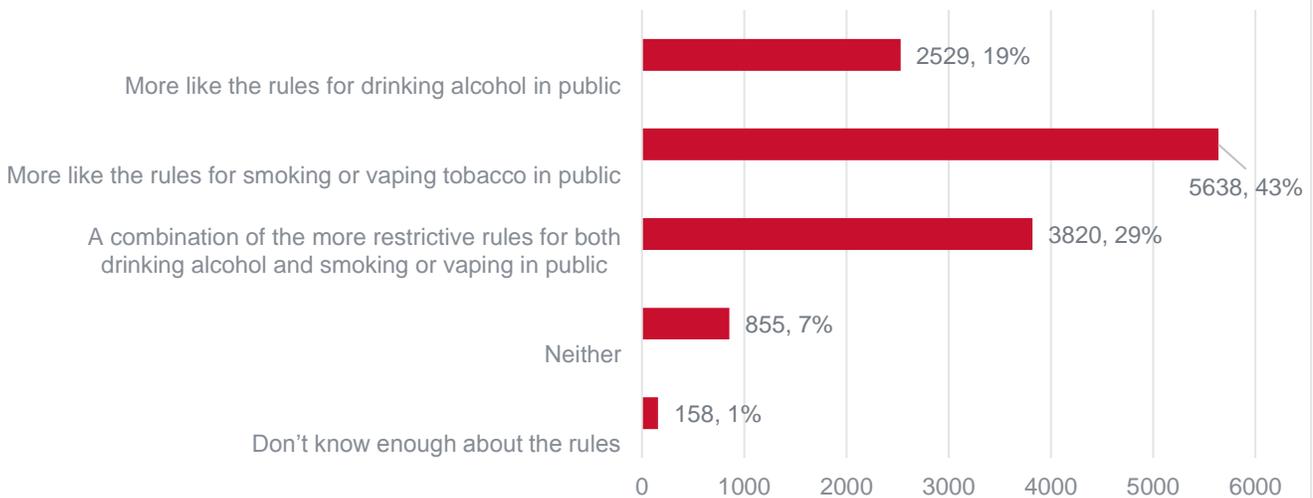
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- Same
- Less restrictive
- Don't know enough about the rules

Compared to The City's Smoking Bylaw should the rules regarding consumption of cannabis in public places be:

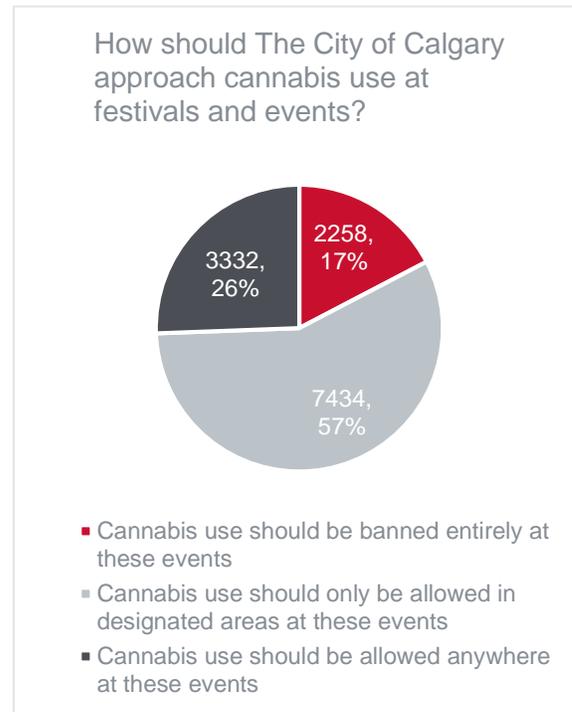
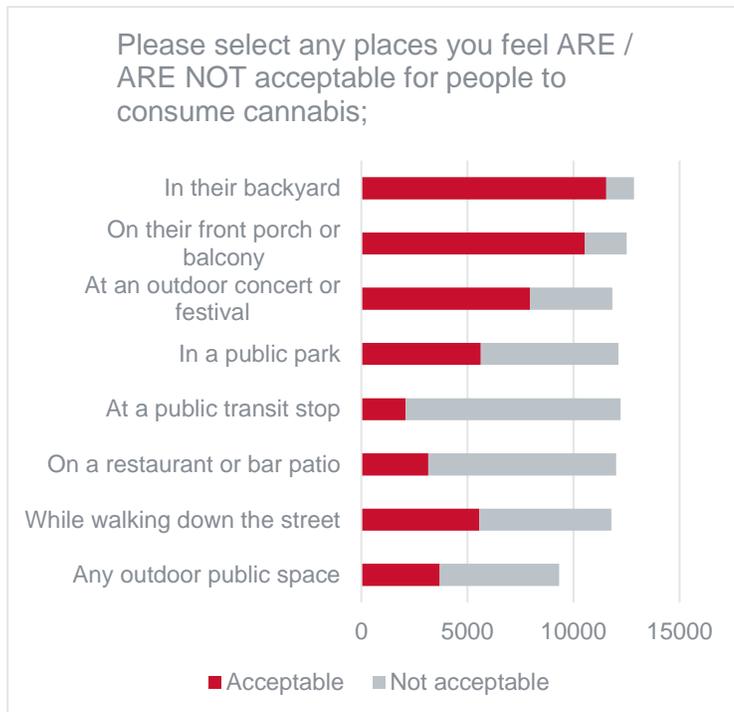


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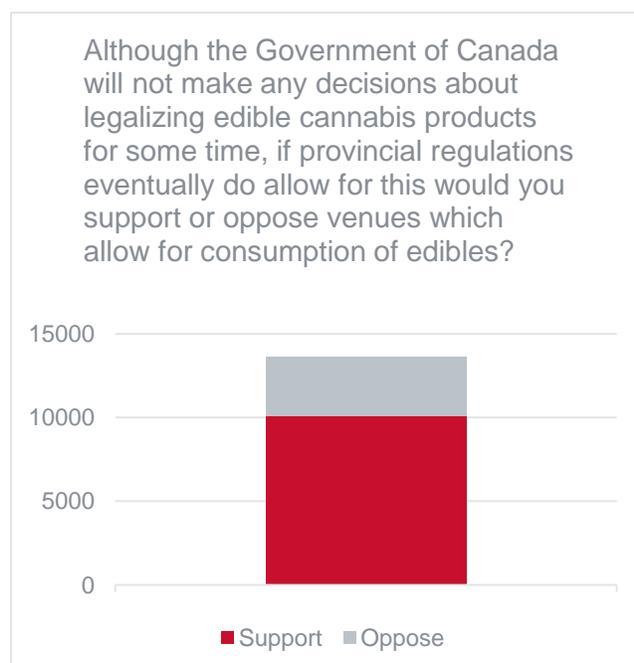
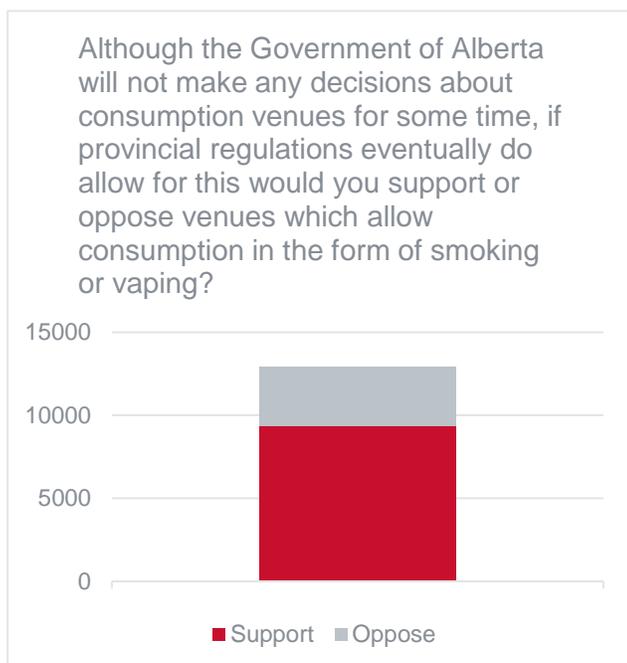
Overall, do you think the rules around public consumption of cannabis should be:



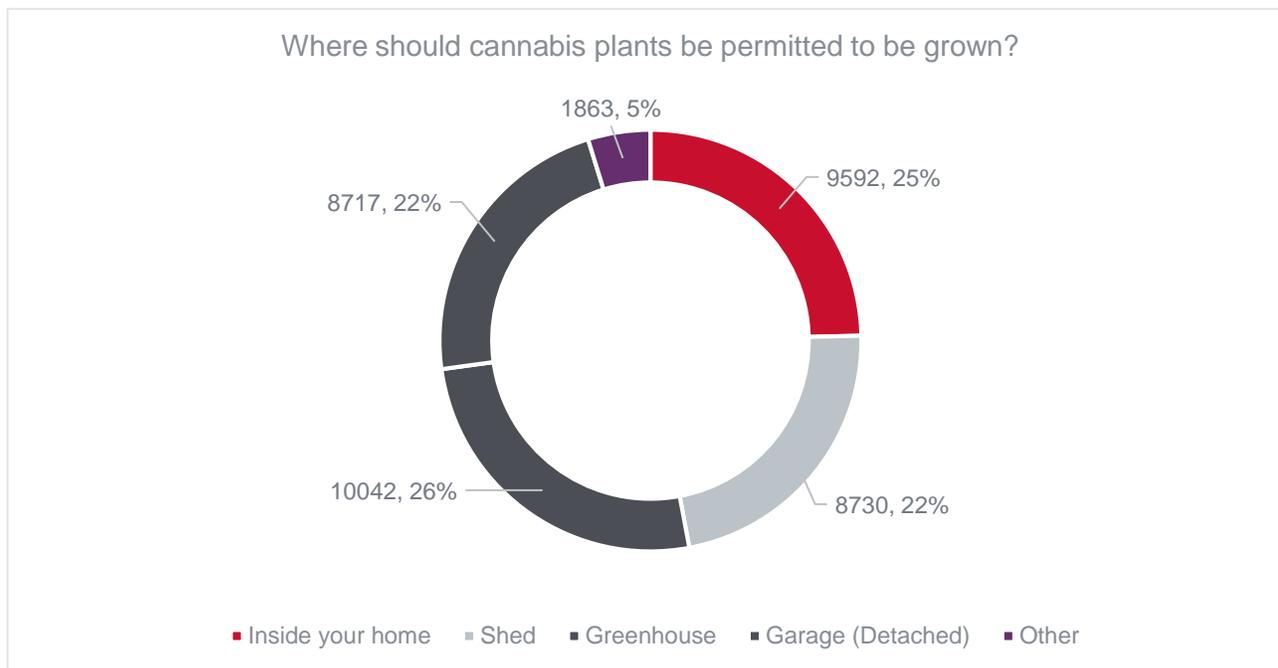
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## Residential Growing



### Other Locations:

- Participants felt that cannabis plants should be allowed to be grown anywhere, both inside the home and outside in a backyard or on a balcony.
- There was mixed feedback on whether cannabis plants should or should not be allowed to be grown in rentals/condos.
- Participants indicated that growing permits should be required, growing should only occur in licensed/regulated facilities or should only be allowed in secured/locked areas.

## Other Information

