

## Municipal Approvals, Moratoriums, and Bans on Recreational Cannabis

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### Issue

Identify municipalities that have either approved, banned, or placed moratoriums on cannabis establishments, and how those that banned the establishments did so.

### Summary

The 2021 Cannabis Law allows municipalities to amend their zoning regulations or enact local ordinances to prohibit cannabis establishments ([CGS § 21a-422f](#) as amended by [PA 22-103](#), § 9). The law requires municipal chief zoning officials to report these zoning changes to the Office of Policy and Management secretary and the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP). They must report in writing within 14 days after adopting the change.

According to DCP's [website](#), as of August 17, 2022, and based on the information municipalities submitted to the department, 27 municipalities have approved cannabis establishments, 36 have placed a moratorium, and 17 have bans. Of those with bans, 14 prohibited the establishments through planning and zoning regulations and the other three were through ordinances.

## Approvals and Moratoriums

Approvals	Moratoriums
Ansonia	Beacon Falls
Bloomfield	Berlin
Branford	Bethany
Bridgeport	Burlington
Brooklyn	Chester
Columbia	Colchester
Danbury	Durham
East Hartford	Ellington
East Lyme	Essex
East Windsor	Glastonbury
Enfield	Goshen
Hartford	Granby
Manchester	Griswold
Meriden	Guilford
Middletown	Harwinton
Newington	Hebron
New Britain	Madison
North Stonington	Marlborough
Norwich	Old Saybrook
Stafford	Orange
Suffield	Preston
Thompson	Putnam
Tolland	Ridgefield
Vernon	Rocky Hill
West Hartford	Sharon
West Haven	South Windsor
Windham	Southbury
	Thomaston
	Torrington
	Trumbull
	Waterbury
	Waterford
	Willington
	Wilton
	Windsor Locks
	Woodstock

## Bans

Bans	Method
Avon	<a href="#">Planning and Zoning</a>
Bethel	<a href="#">Planning and Zoning</a>
Bethlehem	<a href="#">Ordinance</a>
Bridgewater	<a href="#">Planning and Zoning</a>
Clinton	<a href="#">Ordinance</a>
Greenwich	<a href="#">Planning and Zoning</a>
Groton	<a href="#">Planning and Zoning</a>
Middlefield	<a href="#">Planning and Zoning</a>
Newtown	<a href="#">Planning and Zoning</a>
New Canaan	<a href="#">Planning and Zoning</a>
Old Lyme	<a href="#">Planning and Zoning</a>
Prospect	<a href="#">Planning and Zoning</a>
Southington	<a href="#">Planning and Zoning</a>
Weston	<a href="#">Planning and Zoning</a>
Westport	<a href="#">Planning and Zoning</a>
Wolcott	<a href="#">Planning and Zoning</a>
Woodbury	<a href="#">Ordinance</a>

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