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## Gurnee Village Board to Consider Ordinance Prohibiting Cannabis Business Establishments

**GURNEE, IL** – The Village of Gurnee Board will consider an ordinance prohibiting the sale of recreational cannabis within the municipal borders of Gurnee on the Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Gurnee Village Hall and is open to the public.

“We will consider an ordinance on opting-out of recreational cannabis sales at Monday night’s meeting. We can’t prohibit the use of it in the Village but we can limit or prohibit commercial sale of recreational cannabis in our community,” said Gurnee Mayor Kristina Kovarik. “The consensus from the Village Board is that it does not fit in with the image we want to uphold, and I agree with them.”

The Village of Gurnee is considering opting out of recreational cannabis sales in response to the recently signed Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, which provides municipalities the decision to adopt and enforce local ordinances related to the purchase and the public consumption of cannabis as long as the regulations and penalties are consistent with the Act.

An online and a by-phone survey were conducted by the Village of Gurnee to solicit feedback on public opinion on recreational cannabis sales. The results of the surveys, along with general feedback provided by the community, were considered in the formulation of the recommendation of the ordinance.

The ordinance will require a majority vote of the Village Board for approval.

For more information on recreational cannabis in the Village of Gurnee, visit: [www.gurnee.il.us/recreationalcannabis](http://www.gurnee.il.us/recreationalcannabis).

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