

Guidance for Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Retailers: Local Retail Registration Requirement

Per [Minnesota Statutes, section 342.22, subdivision 1](#), all licensed lower-potency hemp edible (LPHE) retailers **must obtain a local retail registration prior to initiating any sales**. This requirement applies after you have been issued an LPHE license by the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management (OCM).

Each local unit of government has its own process for local retail registration. **You must contact your local municipality directly to determine how to fulfill this requirement.** OCM will notify the local government responsible for retail registration once your license has been issued if the local government has provided its contact information in Accela.

While you are not required to submit proof of local registration to OCM, **you attested during the application process that you would obtain local retail registration before beginning operations.** Failure to comply with this requirement may result in revocation of your license, per [Minnesota Statutes, section 342.21, subdivision 1](#).

It is critical to ensure that the issuance of your OCM license aligns with the issuance of your local retail registration. Per [Minnesota Statutes, section 324.22, subd. 5\(e\)](#), an LPHE-retailer business may not make any sale to a customer without a valid retail registration from a local unit of government and a valid license with any applicable endorsement from the office. If these are not issued concurrently, you are required to halt sales until both requirements are satisfied.

Please note that under [Minnesota Statutes, section 342.13](#), local governments **may not prohibit or opt out of allowing LPHE retailer businesses**. However, they are allowed to establish and enforce their own local registration processes and may adopt ordinances that address items such as distance from certain structures and hours of operation.

If you have questions about this requirement, please [contact OCM customer service](#) (mn.gov/ocm/connect/contact-us/).