Marijuana: New Regulations and Updated Best Practices

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OVERVIEW

- Retail cannabis current status
- Cannabis zoning
- Host community agreements
- Social consumption
- Best practices
CURRENT STATUS

- Two executed host agreements
- One provisional license
CANNABIS ZONING

- Working group
- Ordinance development and adoption
HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

- Developed by city solicitor
- Negotiated by counsel on both sides
- Balanced approach
  - Local control (agreement)
  - State regulation (CCC performance measures)
SOCIAL CONSUMPTION

- Working group
  - Membership
  - Charge
  - Considerations
SOCIAL CONSUMPTION

- Working Group recommendations
  - Establish pilot program
  - Align with existing licensing process
  - Collect and review data
- Legislative requirements
BEST PRACTICES

- Commit to a public process
- Collaborate with subject matter experts
- Anticipate and respond to change
Effective licensing and regulation, rooted in local control, will enable municipalities to realize the economic benefits to be gained from the industry.