

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEMORANDUM
#17-2025

DATE: Oct. 13, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members

THROUGH: Heather Geyer, City Manager 
Jason Loveland, Deputy City Manager 

FROM: Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning & Development 

SUBJECT: CB-2030 – Unified Development Ordinance Amendment – Natural Medicine Businesses

PURPOSE

To consider CB-2030, an ordinance on second reading amending Sections 11-3-2 and 11-3-3 of the Municipal Code concerning Natural Medicine Businesses.

BACKGROUND

At the May 19, 2025 special City Council meeting, staff presented an overview of a proposed Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) amendment. The amendment, developed in response to the Natural Medicine Health Act and its subsequent amendments, would regulate Natural Medicine Businesses through land use provisions within the City of Northglenn. This agenda item presents the proposed UDO amendments, as discussed at the meeting in May.

The laws regarding Natural Medicine Businesses are mostly covered by the State, not the City. Unlike marijuana, the City cannot ban Natural Medicine Businesses or set up its own licensing system. This means the City cannot adopt rules that would effectively prevent Natural Medicine Businesses, including facilities where natural medicine is used for therapy, from operating.

Cities *can* create rules about when, where, and how these businesses operate, which are commonly referred to as "time, place, and manner" regulations. For example, the City may identify zoning districts where healing centers are allowed, establish hours of operation, and adopt measures such as distance requirements from schools, residential areas, or other natural medicine businesses. Additional standards may include screening, lighting, and odor controls. However, these regulations cannot be so strict that they prevent healing centers from operating at all. A legal memorandum, Natural Medicine and Local Regulation, dated Jan. 9, 2025, that provides a comprehensive overview and explanation of the City's legal authority to regulate this use has been provided to City Council separately.

The proposed policy language mirrors the existing time, place, and manner regulations currently applied to marijuana-licensed businesses. For reference, Attachment 1 is a map of the City's current marijuana location criteria to illustrate how the proposed regulations would likely allow for this type of use.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget or time implications.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of CB-2030 on second reading.

STAFF REFERENCE

If Council Members have any questions, please contact Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning & Development, at bsvoboda@northglenn.org or 303.450.8937.

ATTACHMENT

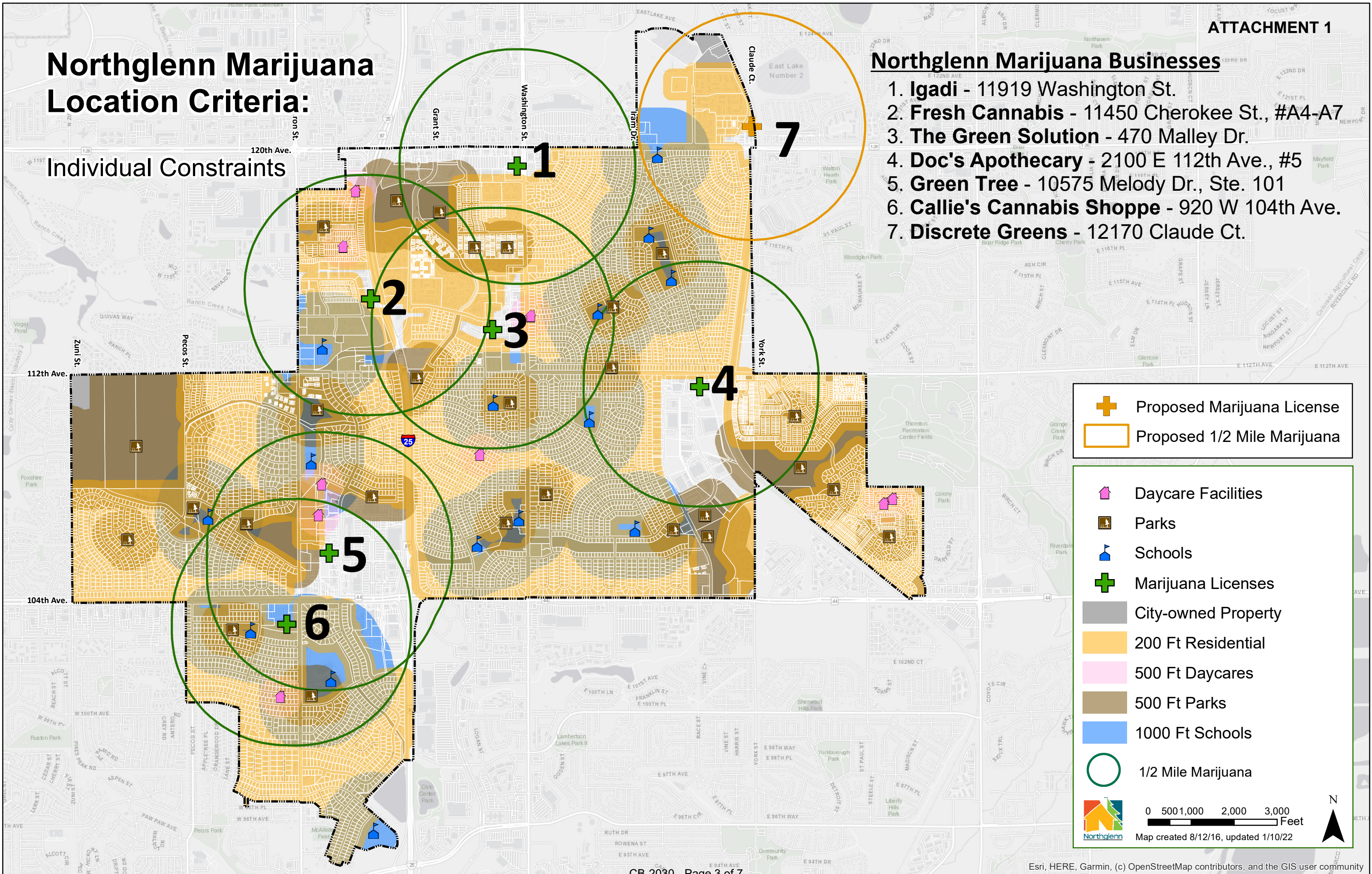
1. Northglenn Marijuana Location Criteria Map

Northglenn Marijuana Location Criteria:

Individual Constraints

Northglenn Marijuana Businesses

1. Igadi - 11919 Washington St.
2. Fresh Cannabis - 11450 Cherokee St., #A4-A7
3. The Green Solution - 470 Malley Dr.
4. Doc's Apothecary - 2100 E 112th Ave., #5
5. Green Tree - 10575 Melody Dr., Ste. 101
6. Callie's Cannabis Shoppe - 920 W 104th Ave.
7. Discrete Greens - 12170 Claude Ct.



- Proposed Marijuana License
- Proposed 1/2 Mile Marijuana

- Daycare Facilities
- Parks
- Schools
- Marijuana Licenses
- City-owned Property
- 200 Ft Residential
- 500 Ft Daycares
- 500 Ft Parks
- 1000 Ft Schools
- 1/2 Mile Marijuana

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 Northglenn
 Map created 8/12/16, updated 1/10/22

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR LEIGHTY

COUNCIL MEMBER'S BILL

ORDINANCE NO.

No. CB-2030
Series of 2025

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A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 11-3-2 AND 11-3-3 OF THE NORTHGLENN MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING NATURAL MEDICINE BUSINESSES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. Table 3-2-A Table of Allowed Uses in Section 11-3-2(d) of the Northglenn Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of the following allowable use, added to the table, as follows:

Table 3-2-A: Table of Allowed Uses																
√ = allowed by right S = special use permit A = accessory Blank cell = use prohibited + = Use-specific standards apply																
	Residential						Mixed-Use				Other Nonresidential					Use-Specific Standards
	RS-1	RS-2	RS-3	RM-1	RM-2	MH	MN	MC	MR	CG	CA	IN	PF	AG	OS	
Commercial uses																
Natural Medicine Businesses																
Natural Medicine Businesses										√+	√+	√+			11-3-3(h)	

Section 2. Section 11-3-3 of the Northglenn Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of a new Subsection (h), to read as follows:

Section 11-3-3 Use-Specific Standards.

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(h) Natural Medicine.

(1) Authority and Purpose. The Colorado Natural Medicine Code, C.R.S. § 44-50-101, *et seq.* (the "CNMC") specifically authorizes the City to regulate the time, place and manner of the operation of licenses issued pursuant to the CNMC. The purpose of this Article is to regulate the time, place, and manner where natural medicine and natural medicine healing centers are provided.

(2) Definitions.

Natural medicine means psilocybin or psilocyn and other substances described in the CNMC as natural medicine.

Natural medicine business means any of the following entities licensed under the CNMC: a natural medicine healing center, a natural medicine cultivation facility, a natural medicine products manufacturer, or a natural medicine testing facility, or another licensed entity created by the State licensing authority.

Natural medicine healing center means a facility where an entity is licensed by the State licensing authority that permits a facilitator, as defined by the CNMC, to provide and supervise natural medicine services for a participant, as defined by the CNMC, which includes a participant consuming and experiencing the effects of regulated natural medicine or a regulated natural medicine product under the supervision of a facilitator.

Natural medicine product means a product infused with natural medicine that is intended for consumption, as provided by the CNMC.

Natural medicine services means a preparation session, administrative session, and integration session, as provided by the CNMC.

Participant means an individual who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older who receives natural medicine services prescribed by and under the supervision of a facilitator, as provided by the CNMC.

Regulated natural medicine means natural medicine that is cultivated, manufactured, tested, stored, distributed, transported, or dispensed, as provided by the CNMC.

Regulated natural medicine product means a natural medicine product that is cultivated, manufactured, tested, stored, distributed, transported, or dispensed, as provided by the CNMC.

State licensing authority means the authority created under the CNMC for the purpose of regulating and controlling the licensing of the cultivation, manufacturing, testing, storing, distribution, transfer, and dispensation of regulated natural medicine and regulated natural medicine product, as provided by the CNMC.

(3) Operation of Natural Medicine Businesses.

(A) *Hours:* Natural medicine businesses shall only operate between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(B) *Public view:* All doorways, windows and other openings of a natural medicine business shall be located, covered, or screened in such a manner to prevent a view into the interior from any exterior public or semipublic area. All activities shall occur indoors.

(C) *Location.*

(i) Natural medicine businesses shall be a use permitted by right in only the Industrial (IN), Commercial Auto-Oriented (CA) or Commercial General (CG) zoning districts.

(ii) No natural medicine business shall be located at the following locations:

1. within 200 feet of any single or multi-family residential structure or unit, or parcel or lot;
2. within 500 feet of a licensed childcare center; preschool; elementary, middle, junior or high school; or a residential child care facility;
3. within 500 feet of any public park, public pool, or public recreational facility;
4. within 1,000 feet of any halfway house or correctional facility;
5. within one-half (1/2) mile of any other natural medicine business;
6. within any building or structure that contains a residential unit; or
7. upon any City of Northglenn owned property.
8. The distances described in this subsection (C)(ii) shall be computed by use of a radius from the property lines of the locations set forth in subsection (C)(ii) to the unit within a building or structure housing the natural medicine business.

(D) *Lighting:* Primary entrances, parking lots and exterior walkways of a natural medicine business shall be clearly illuminated with downward facing security lights to provide after-dark visibility for facilitators, participants, and employees.

(E) *Storage:* All storage of natural medicine shall be located within a permanent building, and not a trailer, tent, or motor vehicle.


(F) *Odor:* Natural medicine businesses shall use an air filtration and ventilation system designed to ensure that the odors from natural medicine, natural medicine products, natural medicine healing, and natural medicine healing products are confined to the premises and are not detectable beyond the property boundaries on which the business is located.

(G) *Disposal:* Natural medicine businesses shall provide secure disposal of natural medicine and natural medicine product remnants or by-products. Natural medicine and natural medicine product remnants or by-products shall not be placed in an exterior refuse container.

(H) *Processing:*

- i. The processing of natural medicine that includes the use of hazardous materials, including without limitation flammable and combustible liquids, carbon dioxide, and liquified petroleum gases, such as butane, is prohibited.
- ii. Nonhazardous materials used to process natural medicine shall be stored in a manner so as to mitigate and ensure odors are not detectable beyond the property boundaries on which the processing facility is located, or the exterior walls of the processing facility associated with the processing of natural medicine or natural medicine healing products.
- iii. The processing of natural medicine shall meet the requirements of all adopted City building codes and other applicable law.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ORDERED POSTED this 22nd day of September, 2025.


SHANNON LUKEMAN-HIROMASA
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this ____ day of _____, 2025.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk


COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney