

**NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
County of Racine
November 6, 2018**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the County of Racine on November 6, 2018, the following proposed Resolution of the County Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-47S

RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE PROVIDING FOR AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018, ELECTION BALLOT TO MEASURE PUBLIC OPINION ON PERMITTING USE OF MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES, ALLOWING ADULTS 21 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER TO ENGAGE IN THE PERSONAL USE OF MARIJUANA, REGULATING COMMERCIAL MARIJUANA-RELATED ACTIVITIES, AND IMPOSING A TAX ON THE SALE OF MARIJUANA

To the Honorable members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

WHEREAS, criminalizing marijuana use has failed to curb its use; and

WHEREAS, recent polls show a majority of Americans favor legalization of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, thirty states have legalized medicinal marijuana; and

WHEREAS, legalizing and taxing marijuana could lead to an increase in state and local revenue through sales and excise taxes; and

WHEREAS, an estimate by the Congressional Research Service suggests that replacing marijuana prohibition with a system of taxation and regulation could yield \$6.8 billion in federal excise taxes alone; and

WHEREAS, Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington have legalized adult personal use of marijuana and regulate the production, distribution, and sale of marijuana, and Vermont and the District of Columbia have legalized limited personal possession and cultivation of marijuana by adults; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the undersigned members recommend adoption of the following resolution; that Racine Board of Supervisors does resolve to conduct a countywide advisory referendum, to be held with the November 2018 general election; that a concise statement of the questions are given and that the questions will state as follows:

Question No. 1: "Should marijuana be legalized for medicinal use?"

Question No. 2: Should marijuana be legalized and regulated for adults 21 years of age or older?

Question No. 3: Should marijuana sales be taxed for state and local revenue?"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Corporation Counsel prepare a Notice of Referendum to be published by the Racine County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the referendum shall be filed with the Racine County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the election at which the question will appear on the ballot.

The questions will appear on the ballot as follows:

Question No. 1: Should marijuana be legalized for medicinal use?

Question No. 2: Should marijuana be legalized and regulated for adults 21 years of age or older?

Question No. 3: Should marijuana sales be taxed for state and local revenue?

EXPLANATION

Under the law as it currently exists in the State of Wisconsin, it is illegal to possess or use cannabis, which is commonly known as marijuana. This advisory referendum asks questions about the status of marijuana under the laws of the State of Wisconsin. To legalize something means to make that thing legal.

The advisory referendum questions on the election ballot will ask the County of Racine electors to vote "yes" or "no" on the advisory referendum questions as set forth above. An advisory referendum provides an opportunity for public input into policymaking decisions, but the results are not binding and do not require any action in response.

Question No. 1

A "yes" vote on Question No. 1 would indicate support for legalizing marijuana for medical use in Wisconsin.

A "no" vote on Question No. 1 would indicate a lack of support for legalizing marijuana for medical use in Wisconsin.

Question No. 2

A "yes" vote on Question No. 2 would indicate support for legalizing and regulating marijuana for recreational use by adults 21 years of age or older in Wisconsin.

A “no” vote on Question No. 2 would indicate a lack of support for legalizing and regulating marijuana for recreational use by adults 21 years of age or older in Wisconsin.

Question No. 3

A “yes” vote on Question No. 3 would indicate support for taxation of marijuana sales in Wisconsin and for such taxes to go toward state and local revenue.

A “no” vote on Question No. 3 would indicate a lack of support for taxation of marijuana sales in Wisconsin and for such taxes to go toward state and local revenue.

Done in the County of Racine on September 18, 2018.

Wendy M. Christensen

Racine County Clerk