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## Marijuana Alert - Sept. 10, 2021



### **Chicago mayor Moves To Allow More Locations For POT Shops, Aldermen Fear Losing Their Control**

Mayor Lori Lightfoot is aiming to overhaul the city's cannabis rules for dispensaries and other pot businesses by allowing more types of locations to house the companies without requiring the blessing of the local alderman.

Three state lotteries will distribute 185 conditional dispensary licenses statewide, with **119 pegged for the Chicago/Naperville/Elgin region.**

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### **Chicago Zoning moves plan to sell marijuana downtown**

The City Council's Zoning Committee voted 14-4 to send the proposal from Lightfoot to the full City Council for a final vote on Sept. 14.

In addition, the new rules will also no longer divide the city into 7 zones for cannabis sales, and would lift the cap of 7 dispensaries in each zone.

Dispensaries would also be permitted to open without special permission from city officials in more parts of the city. Operations that grow, process or infuse cannabis would be allowed in areas of the city where manufacturing operations are permitted — as long as any facility is at least 650 feet from any residences. [Read](#)

### **State Admits Error, adds Another Marijuana Lottery**

State officials announced that a fourth lottery for POT dispensary licenses will now be held to give six applicant groups a chance to win additional permits after they were wrongfully excluded from drawings in an earlier lottery. [Read](#)

**[Related:](#)** The development comes as the state planned to announce the final list of 51 winners of the license lotteries so far. But seven pending court challenges to the process could still affect the final

outcome.

## **Marijuana sales dip in August**

Cannabis sales for the month of August dipped \$5.8 million from the month before, bucking a consistent trend, but the governor's lead advisor for the industry said things will continue to evolve. [Read](#)

## **Young adult marijuana users nearly twice as likely to suffer from a heart attack**

Adults under 45 years old who consumed cannabis within the last 30 days, suffered from nearly double the number of heart attacks than adults who didn't use the drug, according to research published Tuesday in the Canadian Medical Association Journal. [Read](#)

## **Police encounter marijuana more often in traffic cases**

Duneland area police officers have been encountering marijuana more often while enforcing traffic laws. Marijuana has also been a factor in cases where drivers are impaired.

Northwest Indiana is in a unique geographical position of having cities on or near the 40 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline between Illinois and Michigan, which both allow the sale of recreational marijuana, authorities say. [Read](#)

### *For Immediate Action*

1. [Register](#) for the free webinar, "The Dangerous Truth About Today's Marijuana" on October 12 from 11:00 to noon.
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