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**Cities, Townships and Villages Cannabis Regulators Across Michigan Start Professional Network**

*Municipal Cannabis Regulators Network (MCRN) will build a professional and supportive community for Local Government Marijuana Administrators*

Regulators from Arlington Township and the cities of Battle Creek, Bay City, Center Line, Crystal Falls, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Hazel Park, Pontiac and White Cloud have joined the network since it officially launched in January.

MCRN is a professional network of municipal cannabis administrators who oversee medical and/or recreational marijuana regulations in cities, townships and villages. MCRN promotes the development and advancement of municipal cannabis regulatory officials.

The network will focus primarily on its members' professional development, competency-based education, sharing of best practices and networking. Our advisory board of members will be providing guidance on network programs and membership services. MCRN has established <http://municannabis.org>, a website designed for the professional development and sharing of best practices for municipal cannabis regulators.

The concept of a network came about after Pontiac City Clerk Garland Doyle conducted a survey of fellow local government cannabis regulators last year. According to Doyle "One of the key findings of the survey was local government cannabis regulations officials expressed more training and professional development opportunities need to be made available to municipal cannabis regulators". The survey report entitled *Cities, Townships and Villages' Cannabis Regulations* is available on <http://municannabis.org>.

Network membership is open to the primary official of a city, township, or village who is responsible for overseeing medical and/or recreational marijuana regulations. Also, the primary regulator staff members such as assistants, analysts, and managers qualify for membership. Non-local government regulators are not eligible for membership. For more information on membership, visit <http://municannabis.org>.

Another benefit of membership is access to the Center for Municipalities resources. The Center for Municipalities is technical assistance resource center for cities, townships and villages' that regulate medical and/or recreational marijuana. In December, the Center issued a policy brief, *Local Government Cannabis Administrators Assess Their Workplace Training Needs*. The policy brief is available on <http://municannabis.org>.

MCRN is an initiative of the Council on Municipal Cannabis Policy, Leadership and Partnerships. The Council on Municipal Cannabis is a new nonprofit organization that promotes local government cannabis regulatory frameworks that work to protect the public. Educate cities, townships, villages' and the public about cannabis community benefits and social equity programs and policies that address and promote the economic well-being of residents; conduct, administer and/or sponsor research that focuses on municipal cannabis regulations, policies, leadership and economic benefits; and promote competency-based education for municipal cannabis regulations leadership as well as diversity and inclusion.

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**A Professional and Supportive Community for Local Government Marijuana Administrators**  
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