

RESOLUTION NO. 20-01

PUEBLO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT  
Board of Health

A Resolution Declaring the Public Health Impacts of Marijuana Hospitality  
Establishments in Pueblo County

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment is to promote and protect the health and environment of Pueblo County;

**WHEREAS**, the health impacts of short-term and long-term cannabis use are not fully understood;

**WHEREAS**, the consumption of marijuana is linked to depression, anxiety, psychosis;

**WHEREAS**, THC, the active ingredient in Marijuana slows reflexes, weakens the ability to focus, and impairs safe driving;

**WHEREAS**, the dosage and potency of THC in marijuana products is not regulated nor easily measured;

**WHEREAS**, permitting marijuana smoking and vaping indoors is contrary to the intent of the Pueblo Smoke-Free Air Act;

**WHEREAS**, secondhand marijuana smoke is similar to secondhand tobacco smoke in many ways, such as containing many of the same carcinogens and toxins as tobacco smoke;

**WHEREAS**, everyone has the right to breathe smoke-free and vapor-free air;

**WHEREAS**, first responders, vendors, inspectors, employees and others may be exposed to secondhand smoke at Marijuana Hospitality establishments;

**WHEREAS**, secondhand smoke increases the risks of lung disease, cardiovascular disease, and cancers;

**WHEREAS**, normalizing marijuana consumption can result in increased acceptance and use by youth;

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect public health, improve consistency, and aid enforcement, smoke-free and vapor-free laws for public places and workplaces should include tobacco as well as marijuana, whether it is smoked or aerosolized.

**WHEREAS**, references in support of the statements above are attached.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment (PDPHE) Board of Health hereby declares that Marijuana Hospitality Clubs and other public establishments where people congregate to consume, smoke, vape, or dab Marijuana products pose a significant public health concern and threaten to negatively impact community well-being.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 26th day of February 2020, in Pueblo County, Colorado.

PUEBLO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

By:   
Donald Moore, Board of Health President

RESOLUTION NO. 20-01 ATTACHMENT

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Public Health Impacts of Marijuana Hospitality Establishments in Pueblo County References

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