

ARTICLE 39.

**LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA RETAIL
ESTABLISHMENTS**

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- Section 1 is revised to eliminate out-of-date details and clarify the current purpose of the bylaw.
- Section 2 is revised to use an up-to-date definition of “Marijuana Retailer.”

Section 1. Purpose

~~M.G.L. c. 94G does not require a ballot vote of the voters to approve any limitation on the number of recreational marijuana establishments that is at or above the number of medical marijuana treatment centers registered to operate in the municipality, or equal to or greater than 20% of the licenses issued for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises. Currently there is one (1) medical marijuana treatment center registered to operate in Grafton, and six (6) licenses issued for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in Grafton.~~ Retail sale of marijuana for adult use (“recreational marijuana”) was approved by the voters of the Commonwealth in 2016; regulations and the industry have been developing and expanding since that time. However, the long-term consequences of having many retail establishments in communities like Grafton have yet to become clear, and thus it is in the near-term public interest to limit the number of recreational marijuana retailers.

Section 2. Limitation

The number of ~~Recreational~~ Marijuana Retailers, as that term is defined in G.L. c.94G §1, ~~(RMR’s)~~ that shall be permitted in Grafton is limited to 3 or the smallest whole number that is greater than or equal to twenty percent of the number of licenses issued ~~with~~ within the Town under G.L. c.138 §15 ~~Section 15 of chapter 138~~ for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises where sold, whichever is greater.
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