

Wales Town Board

Public Hearing

Tuesday October 26th, 2021 @ 7:12 pm

Public Hearing for Local Law 1-2021

Wales to opt-out of the provisions relating to the Cannabis

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:12pm at the South Wales Memorial Building, 11006 Emery Road, South Center, NY.

This Public Hearing is for the Town of Wales Residents to provide their input to the Town Board on the Town of Wales Local law 1-2021 - Town of Wales to opt-out of the provisions relating to the Cannabis Control Board's authority to issue Retail Dispensary Licenses and/or On-Site Consumption Licenses for cannabis pursuant to Chapter 7-A of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York within the jurisdiction of the Town of Wales.

Roll Call : Taken at prior hearing

Supervisor Rickey Venditti absent

Councilman Gerald Klinck

Deputy Supervisor Donald Butcher

Councilman Kyle Barry

Councilman Dan Driver

Also Present: Ronald Bennett Town Attorney, Walter Rachiel Building Inspector (6) Residents whose names are on file.

Town Clerk, Melinda Eaton read Notice of Public Hearing As Published.

Overview of the proposed Local Law 1-2021

The purpose of this Local Law is to enable the us the Town of Wales to opt-out of the provisions relating to the Cannabis Control Board's authority to issue Retail Dispensary Licenses and/or on-site Consumption Licenses for cannabis pursuant to Chapter 7-A of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York within the jurisdiction of the Town of Wales. The Town of Wales hereby requests that the Cannabis Control Board prohibit the establishment of any Retail Dispensary Licenses and/or On-Site Consumption Licenses as provided for in Article 4 of Chapter 7-A of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York within the jurisdiction of the Town of Wales. This local law will give the town the option to opt-out now, if we don't the town will be in this forever with no option to opt-out, but at any time the town could opt in, if that is what the residents want in the future.

Public Comment

David Hadley 6975 Olean Road The state already has a drinking and driving problem, we don't need to add to cannabis to the problem, it's a safety issue. The State is all for the money, not for the public safety. If anyone in my family gets hit by a driver high on marijuana, I'll file charges against the state, the town plus the town board if they approve this. This is a federal crime, the state is creating a criminal enterprise, I'm against this now and forever.

Peter Hadley 6975 Olean Road Mr. Hadley agrees with his son's comments, he is against the town, if they decide not to opt-out. He understands by the town not opting out, it would loss revenue money, but money should never come before the safety of the residents. I hope to get a chance to speak again if the board decides to opt in, were not on social media. Dan Driver said we have tried Facebook, next door neighbor, it's always in the East Aurora Advertiser. The meetings an always the second Tuesday of every month, starting in November the workshop will but before the town board meeting starting at 6:30pm with the board meeting start immediately after.

Doug Sernoffsky 11306 Centerline Road If the town stayed in what would be the financial benefit to the town, has anyone checked? Don Butcher, I don't anyone knows but we if we don't opt out now the town will be stuck with it forever and will never be able to opt out.

Jeff Gawornski 12732 Big Tree Road This is a no brainer to opt out. I would love to see more people involved come to these meeting, we need to figure out a way. Another thing, not sure but if you have a permit pistol and you smoke marijuana and get stopped driving, you can get permit taken away. I think this is the only choice currently, is to opt-out. I wish some people were here to voice their option.

Motion#____ With no further business at hand, motion duly made by Deputy Supervisor and by Councilman Gerald Klinck to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm **CARRIED**

