

9.51 – Possession of Cannabis

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9.51.010 – Findings

The corporate authorities of the city of St. Charles are advised that there is a widespread illegal use of Cannabis within the city, and further finds that the adoption of a local ordinance governing said possession and illegal use of Cannabis will be helpful for the effective control and elimination of this drug.

9.51.020 – Cannabis defined

Cannabis includes marijuana, hashish and other substances which are identified as including any parts of the plant Cannabis Sativa, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof, the resin extracted from any part of such plant; and any compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of such plant, its seeds, or resin, including tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and all other cannabinol derivatives, including its naturally occurring or synthetically produced ingredients, whether produced directly or indirectly by extraction, or independently by means of chemical synthesis or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis; but shall not include the mature stalks of such plant, fiber produced from such stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of such plant, and any compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of such mature stalks (except the resin extracted therefrom), fiber, oil or cake, or the sterilized seed of such plant which is incapable of germination.

9.51.030 – Possession unlawful

It is unlawful for any person to knowingly possess any quantity of any substance containing Cannabis, except that the effect of this Chapter shall be limited for purposes of municipal prosecution to persons knowingly possessing less than thirty (30) grams of any substance containing Cannabis.

9.51.040 – Violation - Penalty

Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this Chapter having not more than 10 grams shall be fined two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each offense, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day on which a violation occurs or continues. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of this Chapter having more than 10 grams, but less than 30 grams, shall be fined not more than seven hundred and fifty (\$750.00) dollars for each offense.

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