
Re: Please Remove Hemp from Ordinance 251028

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Thank you!

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Dear Mayor Lucas and Members of the Kansas City City Council,

I am writing to ask that this message be placed on record regarding Ordinance 251028.

I respectfully urge you to remove federally legal hemp-derived cannabinoids from this ordinance.

Banning hemp will not eliminate demand — it will only fuel the black market, invite unsafe and untested products back into our communities, and increase crime.

This ordinance would strip lower-income families of access to the affordable hemp products they rely on daily, deny veterans access to federally legal alternatives, and eliminate hundreds

of small businesses across Kansas City.

Hemp prohibition would force employees onto unemployment, leave vacant storefronts throughout the city, and allow illicit operators to replace legal, regulated, and taxed hemp businesses.

A more sensible solution is regulation — not prohibition.

Kansas City can protect public safety by:

- Prohibiting sales to minors
- Restricting gas stations from selling hemp products
- Requiring Certificates of Analysis (COAs)
- Enforcing child-resistant packaging

The Missouri marijuana industry was allowed to create a full regulatory framework for federally scheduled products. The same approach can and should be applied to federally legal hemp.

Hemp provides safe, legal access to wellness for residents who cannot afford marijuana or prefer not to use it. Removing that access harms citizens — not corporations.

Please protect small businesses, workers, veterans, and Kansas City families by removing hemp-derived cannabinoids from Ordinance 251028.

Respectfully,
Jay Henderson