

1 THE TOWN OF COVENTRY  
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4 **ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

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6 IN AMENDMENT OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY CODE OF ORDINANCES,  
7 2008 PART II – GENERAL LEGISLATION,  
8 CHAPTER 255, ARTICLE VI Zoning District Use and Dimensional Regulations, and  
9 ARTICLE IX – Supplementary Regulations  
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11 **Ordinance No. 2025-23**

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13 *The Town Council of the Town of Coventry hereby ordains as follows:*

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15 **Section 1.** The Town of Coventry Code of Ordinance, Part II General Legislation is hereby  
16 amended by amending the following Chapter and Sections of Article IX:  
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18 **Article IX, Chapter 255 — Zoning (Supplementary Regulations)**

19 [Insert entire amendment below as a new section to Zoning Ordinance at §255-9100]  
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21 **§255-9100 Cannabis Retail Use.**

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23 A. Definitions.

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25 Cannabis Retail Use - An entity licensed pursuant to RIGL § 21-28.11-10.2 to purchase and  
26 deliver cannabis and cannabis products from cannabis establishments and to deliver, sell or  
27 otherwise transfer cannabis and cannabis products to cannabis establishments and to consumers.  
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29 B. Licensing. A cannabis retail use shall be licensed by the state of Rhode Island and shall be at  
30 all times in compliance with the laws of Rhode Island, regulations duly promulgated thereunder,  
31 and the provisions of this code.  
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33 C. Proximity to Other Land Uses. The separation distances noted below shall be measured from  
34 the nearest portion of the property dedicated to the cannabis retail use, such as the retail building,  
35 parking area, or entry way onto the subject property to the other land use or zone as outlined  
36 herein.  
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38 1. No cannabis retail use shall be located within five hundred (500) feet from the land uses listed  
39 below:  
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41 a. School property.

42 b. Commercial day care.

43 c. Library.

44 d. Municipal Park/playground.

45 e. Outdoor sports field.

- 46 f. Substance abuse treatment facility.  
47 g. Halfway house.  
48 h. Youth center.  
49 i. Public athletic and recreational facilities.  
50 k. Places of religious worship.

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52 2. No cannabis retail use shall be located within two hundred (200) feet from a residential zoning  
53 district.

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55 3.. No cannabis retail use shall be located within one hundred (100) feet of a residential structure  
56 in any zone.

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58 D. Landscaped Buffer

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60 1. There shall be at least a ten (10) foot vegetative, evergreen buffer installed along the nearest  
61 property line adjacent to a residential zoning district or residential structure.

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63 E. Restrictions.

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65 1. Cannabis retail uses shall only be located within a building. The building shall be equipped  
66 with an effective odor control system which shall at all times prevent unreasonable interference  
67 of neighbors' use and enjoyment of their property.

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69 2. Cannabis retail use waste shall be stored in secured waste receptacles in the possession of and  
70 under control of the marijuana store or other person responsible for the site. Cannabis Retailer  
71 waste shall be managed in accordance with applicable state laws, including but not limited to  
72 rules promulgated by the Rhode Island Department of Health, Business Regulation, and  
73 Environmental Management in effect and as amended from time to time hereinafter.

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75 3. A cannabis retail use shall provide adequate security on the premises which meets the  
76 minimum-security requirements according to R.I.G.L. § 21-28.11 et seq., the rules and  
77 regulations promulgated by the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation, Rhode Island  
78 State Police, or other state agency in effect and as amended from time to time hereinafter.

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80 4. Cannabis retail uses shall submit proof of appropriate security measures at the building permit  
81 stage in compliance with any and all state regulations to deter and prevent the unauthorized  
82 entrance into areas containing marijuana and shall ensure that each location has an operational  
83 security/alarm system.

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85 5. Light cast by exterior lighting fixtures (e.g., security lights, driveway lights) shall be  
86 downcast, shielded, and hooded, and not spill onto adjacent lots.

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88 6. Storage and disposal of waste or any other hazardous chemical associated with the activities of  
89 a cannabis retail use shall comply with local, state, and federal laws. An application for review of  
90 any use by a Cannabis Retailer shall include a floor plan showing the location of the storage of  
91 such chemicals.

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93 7. An annual inspection of a cannabis retail use may be conducted by the Building Official and  
94 any other municipal regulatory agency with jurisdiction.

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96 8. Outdoor display and sales of merchandise for cannabis retail uses shall be prohibited.

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98 9. Drive-in facilities for cannabis retail uses shall be prohibited.

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100 10. The hours of operation for cannabis retail uses shall be between 10:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

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102 12. The minimum lot area for cannabis retail uses shall be twenty thousand (20,000) square feet.

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104 12. Parking: Five and one-half spaces for every One Thousand (1,000) square feet of net leasable  
105 area.

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107 13. Signage requirements for building and free-standing signs for cannabis retail uses shall be  
108 consistent with standards applicable to retail establishments that sell alcoholic beverages.  
109 Billboards are prohibited.

**Section 2.** The Town of Coventry Code of Ordinance, Part II General Legislation is hereby amended by amending the following Chapter and Sections of Article VI:

**Article VI, Chapter 255 — Zoning (Zoning District Use and Dimensional Regulations)**

**§ 255-600 Zoning District Use and Dimensional Regulations.**

A. The following Schedule of District Use Regulations, attached to this Chapter as Table 6-1, is designed to regulate the uses in the various zoning districts in the Town. Specific uses are listed for each zoning district.

B. For uses not specifically listed in Table 6-1, the property owner may submit a written request to the Zoning Official for an evaluation and determination of whether the proposed use is of similar type, character, and intensity as a listed use.

C. The following uses are permitted only in the zoning district marked with a " P." Uses permitted in the zoning district as a special use permit under the provisions of Article IV of this chapter are marked with an " S." Where the letter "N" appears, the uses are prohibited. Note that Article XII, regarding parking, Article XVI (Development Plan Review), Article XIV (Land Development Projects), and Article XVII (Landscaping), will likely apply to some residential and agricultural uses, as well as most commercial and industrial uses.

**[Amended 3-25-2025 by Ord. No. 2025-10]**

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[Table 6-1 is a separate document containing amendments]

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and final adoption.

Approved as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Solicitor Date

Introduced by/Pursuant to: Council \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to/for: First Reading of the Ordinance on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Planning Commission for recommendation on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Public Hearing before the Town Council on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Passed or Denied on a vote of \_\_\_\_\_

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John-Paul A. Verducci – Town Council President

Approved:

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Daniel O. Parrillo – Town Manager

Certification Actions by Town Clerk:

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### Town of Coventry Schedule of District Use Regulations

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### 8. Retail trade: miscellaneous retail stores.

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Drugstores, video rental, office equipment, sporting goods and gun stores	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	
02	Packaged liquor stores	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	
03	Secondhand stores	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	Limited to 100 square feet outside display area
04	Antique shops	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	Limited to 100 square feet outside display area
05	Flea market - outdoors/indoors	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
07	Lawn and garden supply stores	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	Not to include landscape supply in bulk
08	Swimming pool sales	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	N	N	
09	Fuel dealers, oil and bottled gas sale and service only	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Refers to retail sales of bottled gas to individuals for home use
10	Sale of general merchandise, department store (including storage up to 30% of GFA)	N	N	N	N	P*	P*	P	P	N	N	*Limited to 10,000 square feet building

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
11	Landscape supply (in bulk)	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	N	See Article XVI; outdoor storage of aggregate materials including sand, stone, bark, mulch, and loam in excess of 4 cubic yards, not to exceed 12 feet height, and not to exceed the lot coverage percentages designated in Tables 6-3 and 6-4
<u>12</u>	<u>Cannabis Retail Use</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>See Section 255-9100 for additional regulations</u>

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