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HISTORY

- **Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act signed in 2010**
- **Expanded in 2013, 2017, 2018 and 2019**

News

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- **Recreational Cannabis efforts began in 2017**
- **2020 - New Jersey Public Question 1**

Legal weed is now up to N.J. voters as lawmakers vote to put it on 2020 ballot

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By [Amanda Hoover](#) | [NJ Advance Media For NJ.com](#)

EDITOR'S NOTE: On Jan. 15, [NJ Cannabis Insider](#) hosts a newsmakers networking event in Red Bank, featuring a legislator and business leaders in the hemp and legal cannabis industries. [Tickets are limited.](#)

New Jersey residents will decide whether to legalize marijuana in the Garden State, after both houses of the state Legislature voted Monday to put the question on the 2020 ballot.

The measure passed the state Senate in a 24-16 vote at the Statehouse in Trenton on Monday afternoon, while the state Assembly voted 49-24 with one abstention.

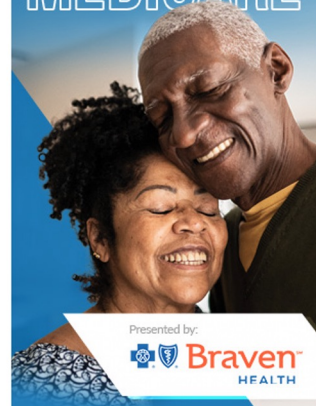
"People actually smoke marijuana every day," said state Sen. Nicholas Scutari, D-Union, a sponsor of the proposal. "Can you believe it? But until your relative gets arrested over this substance that is widely used in this state and country" some people will not understanding why this is so important.

Gov. [Phil Murphy](#) made legalizing marijuana for those over 21 one of his campaign promises. In the nearly two years since he took office, the initiative has seen several setbacks. State Senate President [Stephen Sweeney](#) announced in late

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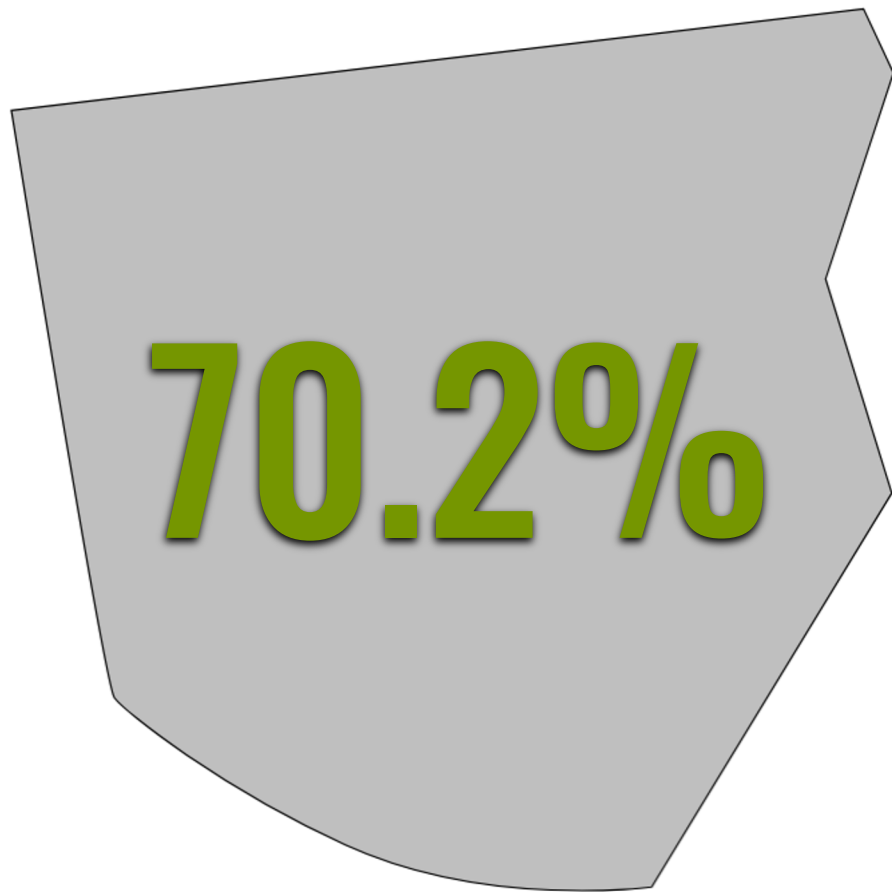
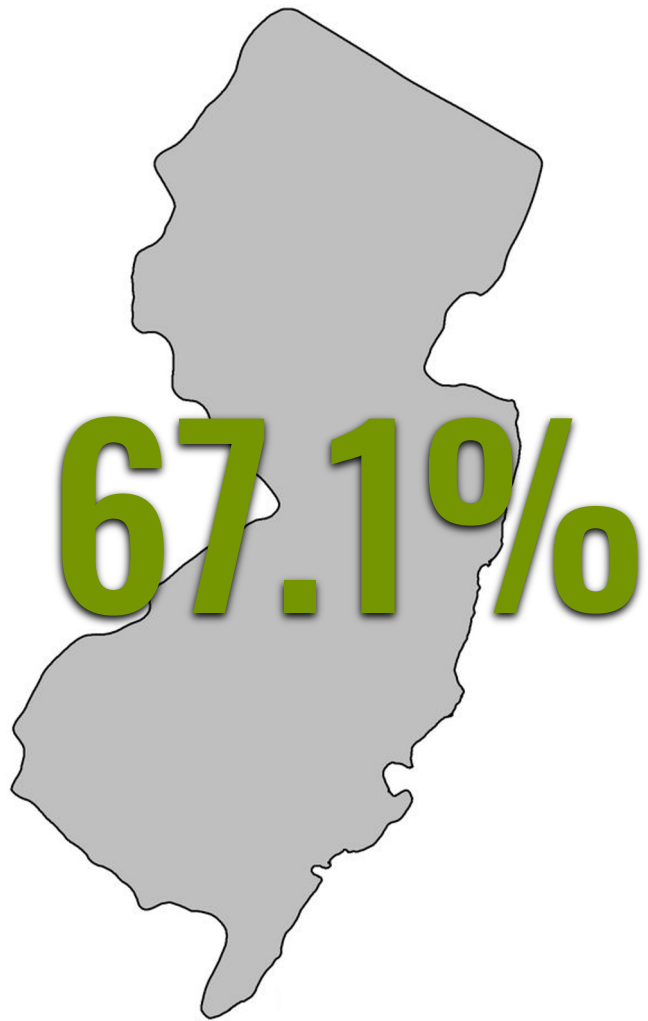


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- **Legislation passed
December 2020**
- **Not signed by the Governor
until February 2021**

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

NJ Legislature, Gov. Murphy Reach Agreement on Marijuana Legalization

New Jersey voters passed legalizing weed on Election Day, with lawmakers hashing out the ins and outs of legislation for the past month; a vote on the final deal is scheduled for Dec. 17

By **Brian Thompson** • Published December 4, 2020 • Updated on December 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm



A bill legalizing marijuana in New Jersey could soon be puff, puff, passed after the state legislature and Gov. Phil Murphy came to an agreement late Friday.

The governor announced a deal had been reached on Twitter, saying that a framework for the legalization was in place. He went on to say that making marijuana legal in the state is a "critical step in reducing racial disparities and social inequities that have long plagued our criminal justice system."

There are still two bills that must be voted on, according to State Sen. Nicholas Scutari. A decriminalization bill would have all pending possession charges dropped, Scutaro said, with adults allowed to carry up to six ounces without facing charges. Previous legislation has included past convictions as eligible for expungement.

There is also a bill regarding the sale of weed, which was a key difference between state Senate and Assembly bills in November. There will be a cap of 37 cultivators being issued licenses, but those sellers will be allowed as many outlets as desired as long as they are approved by the town, according to Scutari. After two years, the cap on cultivators will end, opening the market further.

The state's 6.625 percent sales tax would also apply, 70 percent of which will go to a social equity fund. The remaining amount will go to police training for marijuana DUIs, and to running the program itself, Scutari said. An extra social equity tax will eventually kick in as well, with all revenue generated in the fun going to impact zones where populations have suffered the most from possession enforcement.

Consumption Laws

- **No smoking or using cannabis in public - similar to public alcohol consumption**
- **Smoking cannabis also prohibited anywhere smoking cigarettes would be, such as at a bar where alcohol is permitted**
- **Recreational cannabis can only be consumed in a private residency**

What We Can't Do

- **Cannot prevent cannabis delivery companies from delivering to Metuchen addresses**
- **Cannot prevent cannabis consumption on private property in Metuchen**

180 Day Deadline

August 21, 2021



Metuchen Opts Out

- Little guidance from the State
- June 28, 2021 (Ordinance 2021-10)
- Needed more time
- Declared our support

ORDINANCE 2021-10

*Borough of Metuchen
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey*

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ANY CLASS OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES AND AMENDING SECTION 110-93 OF THE METUCHEN CODE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Metuchen is supportive of the concept of the sale and distribution of cannabis but requires time for state regulation to be finalized; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 New Jersey voters approved Public Question No. 1, which amended the New Jersey Constitution to allow for the legalization of a controlled form of marijuana called "cannabis" for adults at least 21 years of age; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 16, known as the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act" (the "Act"), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, use and possession; and

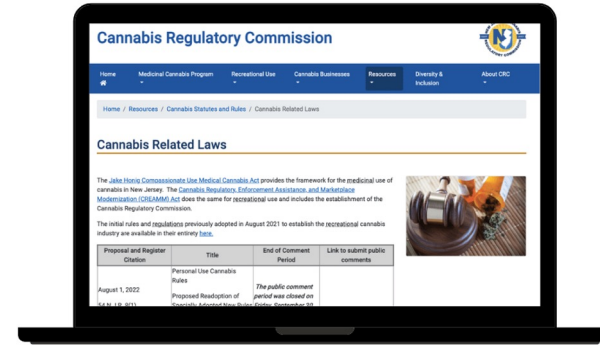
WHEREAS, as set forth in more detail below, the Act requires that any municipal prohibition by the Borough of Metuchen must be adopted within 180 days of the effective date of the Act (i.e., by August 21, 2021), and that the failure to timely act shall mean that for a period of five years thereafter, the growing, cultivating, manufacturing, selling and reselling of cannabis and cannabis items shall automatically be permitted uses in all industrial zones, and the retail selling of cannabis items to consumers shall be a conditional use in all commercial and retail zones; and

WHEREAS, the Act does not preclude a municipality from prohibiting cannabis establishments and operations within its municipal limits within the 180 days of the effective date of the Act and thereafter authorizing and/or permitting any one or more of the cannabis establishments (defined in section 3 of the Act as "a cannabis cultivator, a cannabis manufacturer, a cannabis wholesaler, or a cannabis retailer") within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the State's newly created Cannabis Regulatory Commission is charged with adopting rules including those for licensing applications and eligibility; the number of permissible licenses of each type; security requirements for licensees; labeling and packaging management requirements; and controls for "major development" as defined below in

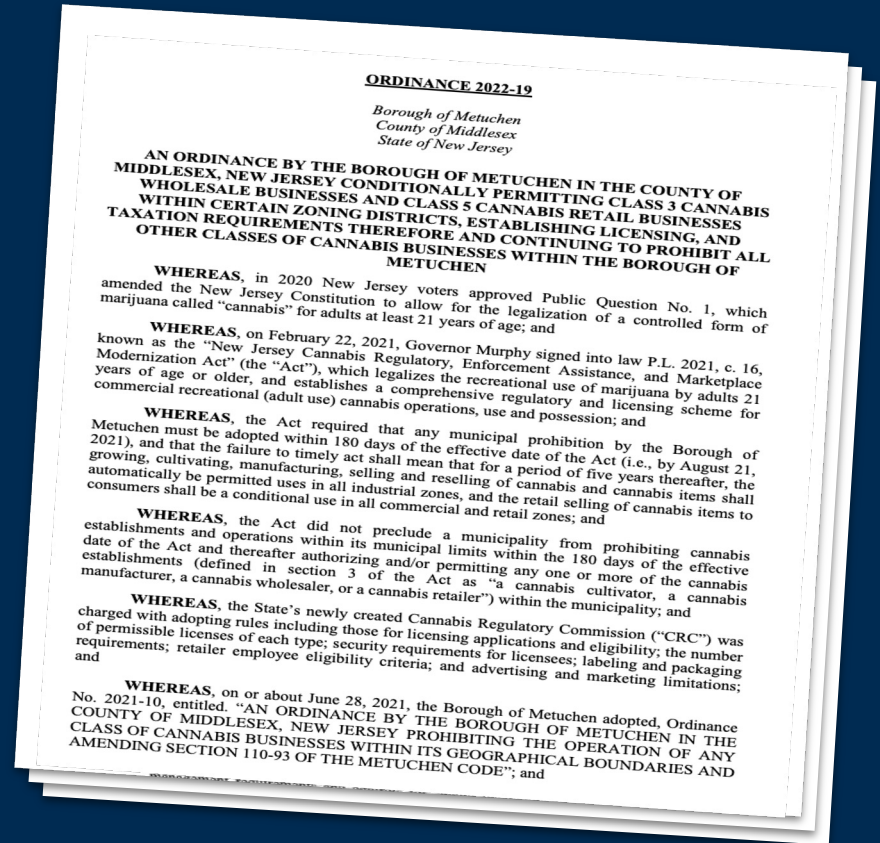
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- Industry Experts



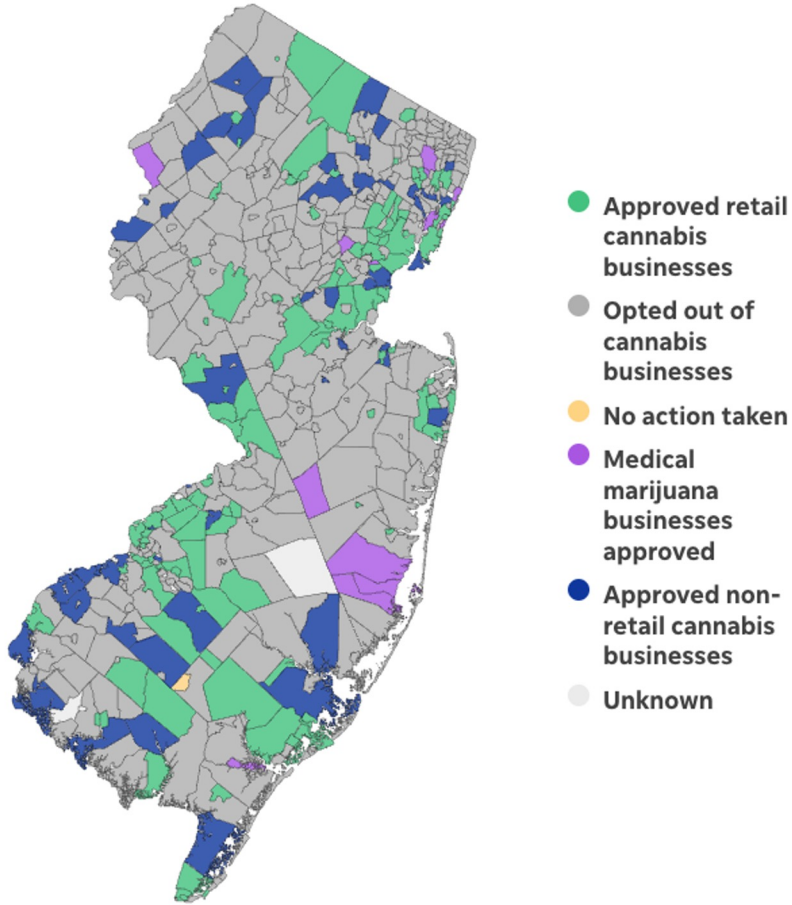
Metuchen Cannabis Ordinance

- 1st reading September 12th
- Ordinance 2022-19
- Planning Board agreed it is in line with the Master Plan
- Approved unanimously October 20th



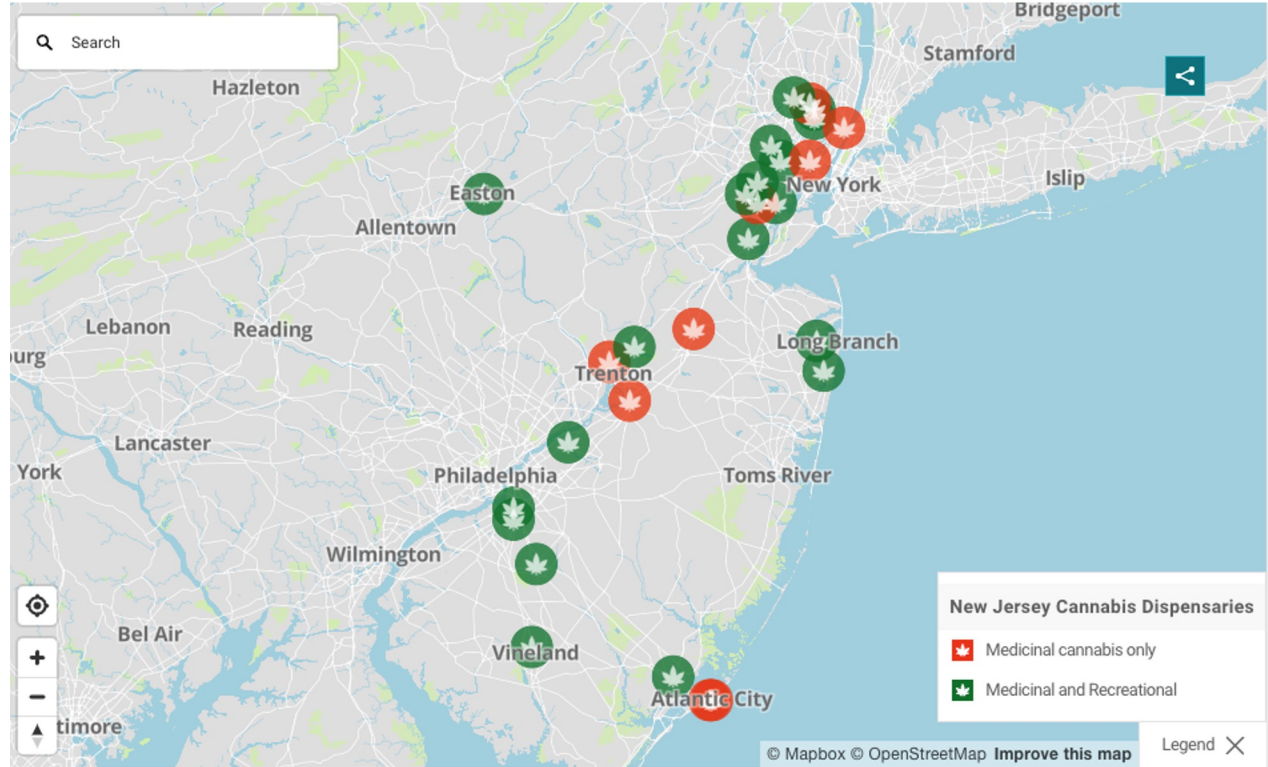
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125+ municipalities allow cannabis businesses

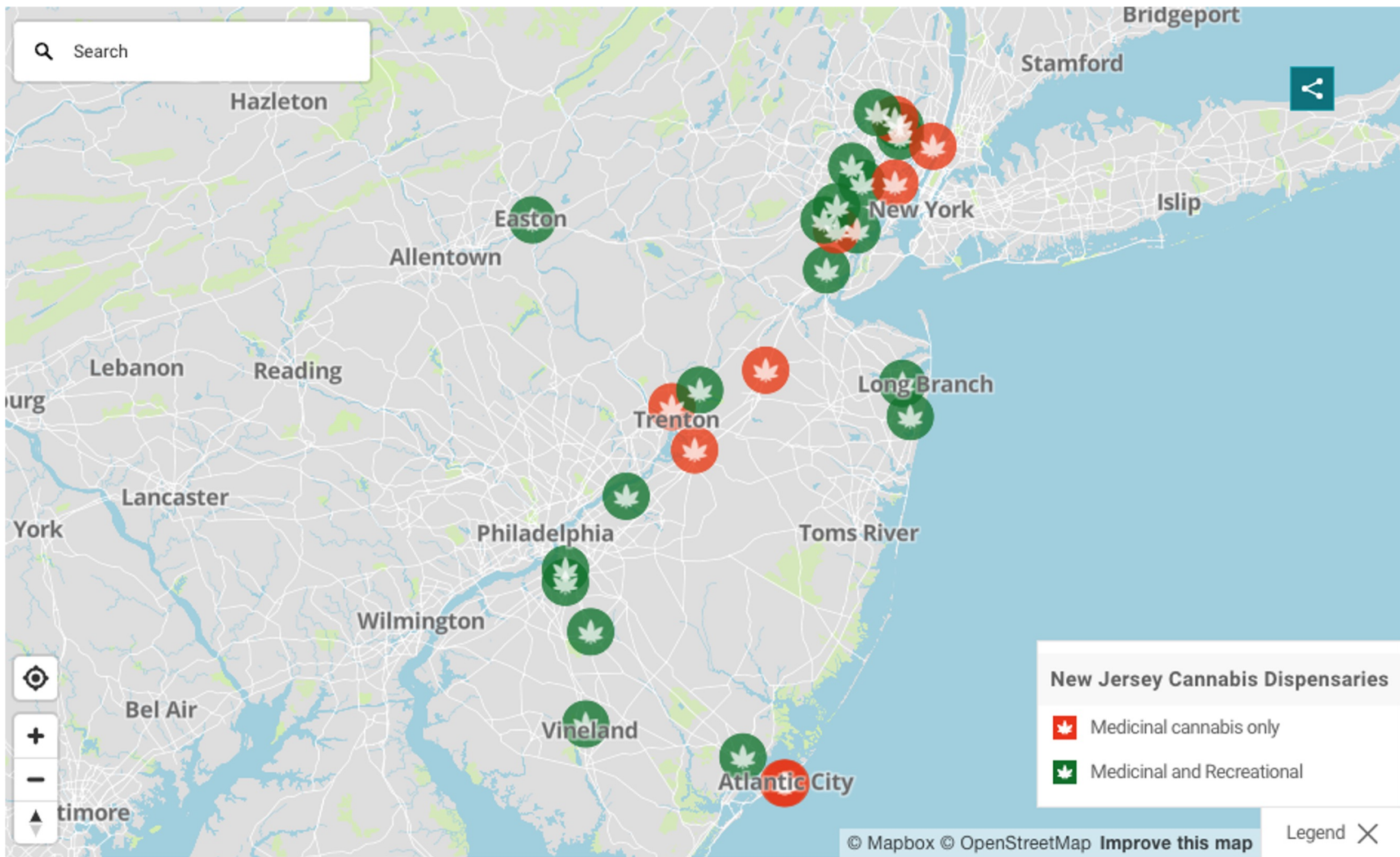


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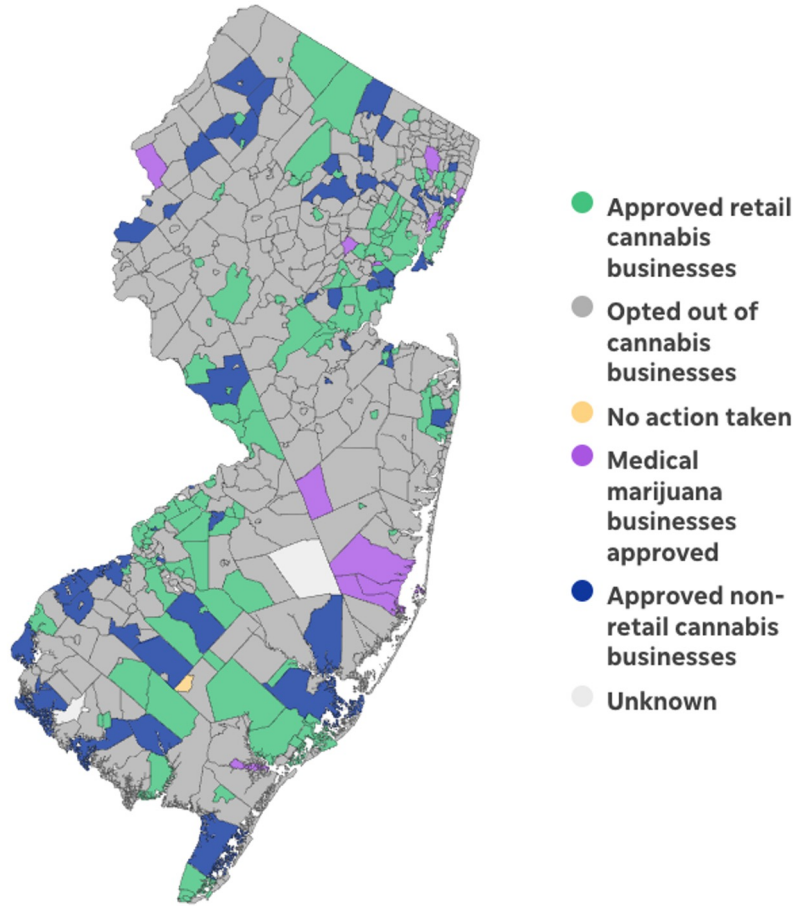


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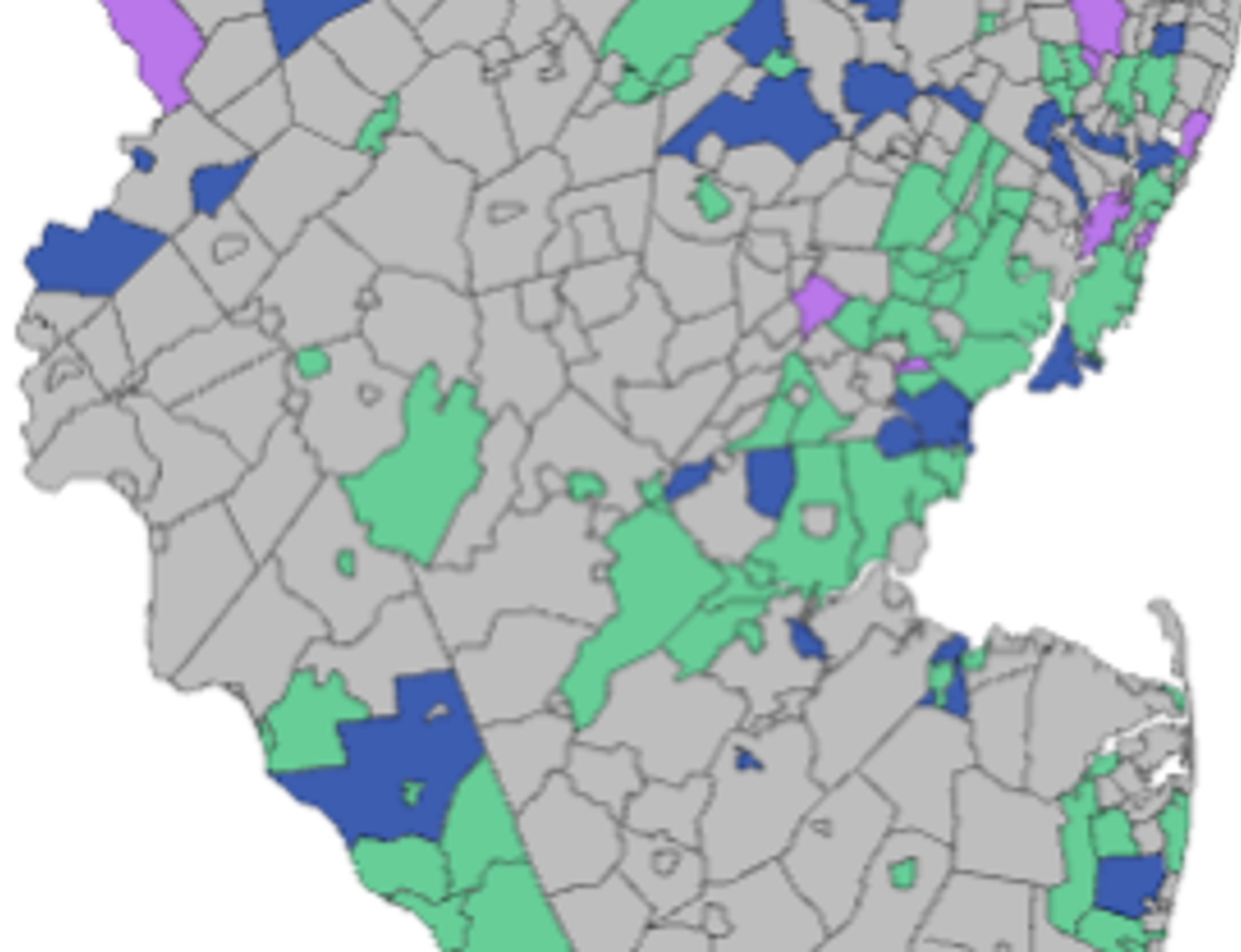


New Jersey Cannabis Dispensaries

-  Medicinal cannabis only
-  Medicinal and Recreational



Source: USA TODAY NETWORK analysis of municipal ordinances, Feb. 2021 - March 2022



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Ordinance 2022-19

License Types

- **Class 1 - Cultivator**

Grow recreational use cannabis

- **Class 3 - Wholesaler**

Store, sell or otherwise transfer, recreational use cannabis items between cannabis cultivators, wholesalers, or retailers

- **Class 5 - Retail**

Purchase recreational use cannabis from licensed cultivators, manufacturers, or wholesalers and sell those items to consumers in a retail store

- **Class 2 - Manufacturer**

Produce recreational use cannabis

- **Class 4 - Distributor**

Transport cannabis items in bulk between cannabis cultivators, manufacturers, or retailers within the state of New Jersey

- **Class 6 - Deliver**

Transport a consumer's purchases of recreational use cannabis and related supplies from the retailer to that consumer

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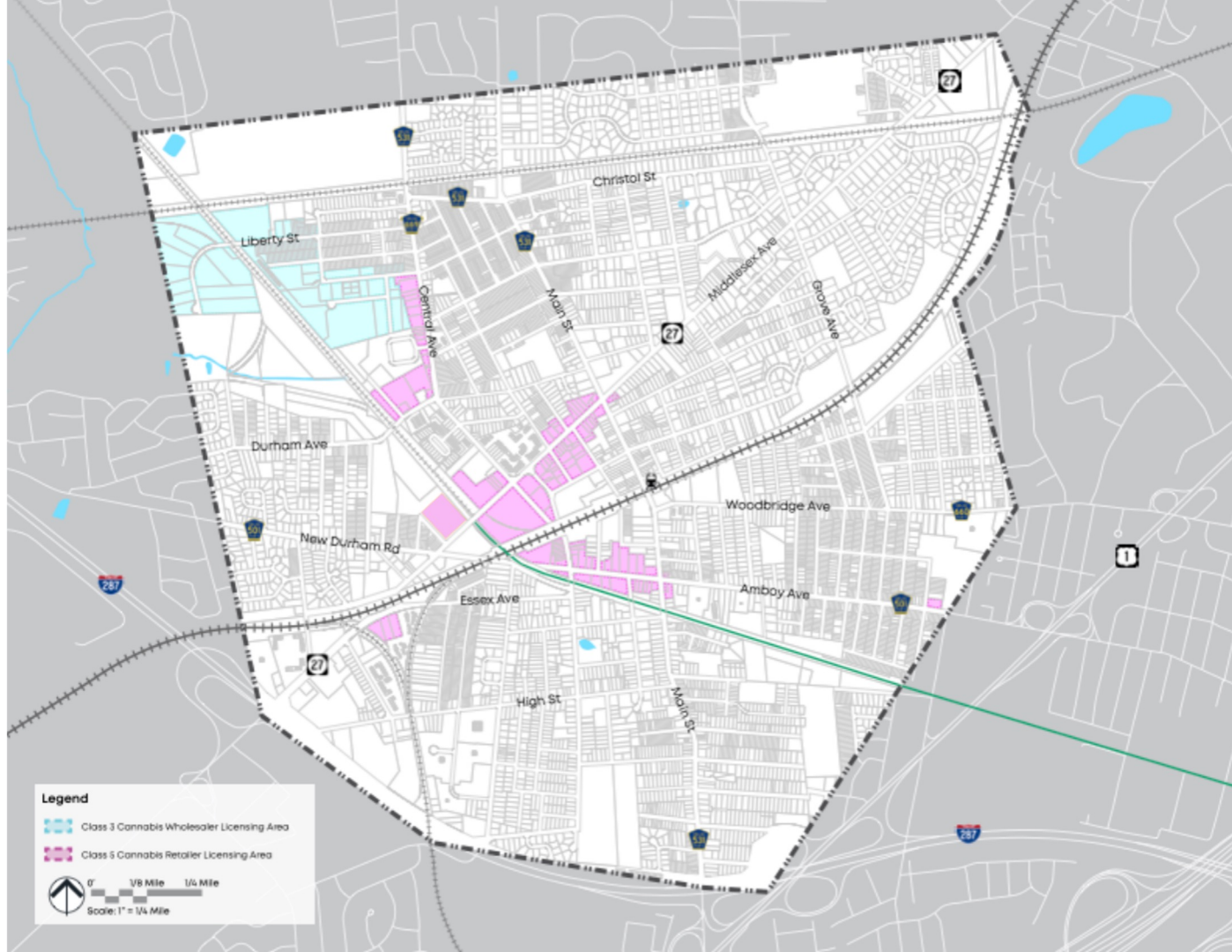
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Licenses Available & Fees

- **2 Wholesaler**
- **3 Retail**
- **\$2,500 Application Fee**
- **\$15,000 Annual License Fee**

Zoning

- **Class 3 (wholesale) in the north west Light Industrial zone**
- **Retail allowed in our “highway” retail zones**
- **No Class 5 (retail) on Main Street**
- **All cannabis businesses are a conditional use**



Legend

-  Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler Licensing Area
-  Class 5 Cannabis Retailer Licensing Area



Taxation

- **Class 3 Cannabis Wholesalers: One percent (1%) of receipts from each sale**
- **Class 5 Cannabis Retailers: Two percent (2%) of the receipts from each sale**

Conditions & Limitations

- **Hours of operation are between 9am and 10pm**
- **Queuing of customers outside a cannabis facility is prohibited**
- **Not within 200 feet of a K-12 school**
- **No cannabis product or paraphernalia shall be visible from outside**
- **No on site consumption**
- **Limitation on noise and odor**

Thank You