

Introduced by: Council Member DeVries and  
 Deputy Mayor Carrington  
 Date: April 14, 2015  
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 Action: Adopted  
 Vote: Unanimous

Yes:	No:
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CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

**Ordinance No. 15-001**

**An Ordinance of the Palmer City Council Enacting Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 8.11 Marijuana Use and Prohibitions**

THE CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance shall be permanent in nature and shall be incorporated into the Palmer Municipal Code.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Chapter 8.11 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**Chapter 8.11  
 MARIJUANA USE AND PROHIBITIONS**

**8.11.010 Definitions.**

For purposes of this chapter, the definitions of the words and phrases below shall apply:

- A. Consume shall have the meaning, in all conjugate forms, of "consumption" set forth in AS 17.38.900.
- B. Marijuana shall have the meaning set forth in AS 17.38.900.

**8.11.020 Public place - definition.**

For purposes of this chapter, the definition of public place is:

- A. A place to which the public or a substantial group of persons has access and includes, but is not limited to:
  - 1. Streets, highways, sidewalks, alleys, bike or pedestrian trails;
  - 2. Transportation facilities;
  - 3. Parking areas;
  - 4. Convention centers;

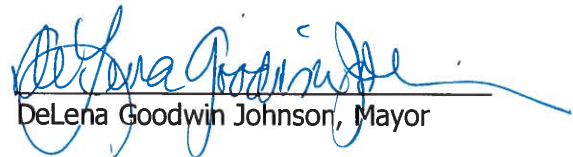
5. Sports arenas;
6. Schools;
7. Places of business or amusement;
8. Smoke shacks;
9. Shopping centers, malls;
10. Parks, park trails, playgrounds;
11. Prisons;
12. Hallways, lobbies, doorways and other portions of apartment houses and hotels not constituting rooms or apartments designed for actual residence;
13. While occupying any type of motor vehicle unless the vehicle is on the private property of the registered owner of the vehicle.

**8.11.030 Consuming marijuana in a public place.**

- A. As it is lawful in Alaska for a person 21 years of age or older to privately use marijuana, it is unlawful for any person to knowingly consume marijuana in a public place or when the person is outdoors on private property adjacent to a public place; or the private property of another without the consent of the other property owner affected by the activity.
- B. Violation of this section is an offense punishable by the fine established in the current, adopted budget.

Section 4. Effective Date. Ordinance No. 15-001 shall take effect upon adoption by the City of Palmer City Council.

Passed and approved this twenty-eighth day of April, 2015.

  
DeLena Goodwin Johnson, Mayor

  
Summer Rife, Deputy City Clerk