

New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission **Proposed Rules for Cannabis Consumption Areas**

After the **public comment period closes on March 18, 2023**, the NJ-CRC will review and respond to the comments. The rules will not be effective until formal adoption by the NJ-CRC Board and publication in the New Jersey Register.

The proposed regulations include the following:

- ✦ Licensed dispensaries wanting to establish cannabis consumption areas must be approved by NJ-CRC and the municipality in which the dispensary is located.
- ✦ A cannabis business can operate only one cannabis consumption area, regardless of the number of Class 5 Retailer licenses the business holds.
- ✦ Dispensaries may not sell food. Patrons may bring their own food into the cannabis consumption area or have food delivered there.
- ✦ Medicinal cannabis patients must be allowed to bring in cannabis items from other retailers for their own use into consumption areas.
- ✦ There may be no sale of tobacco products and alcohol in consumption areas.
- ✦ Cannabis consumption areas may be indoors or outdoors.
- ✦ Patrons must be 21 years or older and photo identification must be required for entry into cannabis consumption areas.
- ✦ Licensing fee for microbusiness retailers wanting to add consumption areas will be \$1000; for standard retailers it will be \$5,000.
- ✦ Cannabis consumption area endorsements are valid for year and may be renewed annually.