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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure local municipalities' awareness of registered hemp growers in their jurisdictions. Unlike laws and regulations regarding marijuana licensure, businesses do not have to submit paperwork to MDARD showing they meet or have necessary permits (for zoning, electrical, hazardous materials storage, etc.) to obtain hemp registration. Because municipalities may enforce distinct zoning ordinances on commercial or agricultural use of property, or other regulations or ordinances for hemp facilities, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) determined that basic notification to local municipalities of any registered industrial hemp growers in their jurisdiction should be performed to assist them with ordinance compliance efforts.

2. Scope

The policy herein pertains to any entity receiving a hemp registration, new registrations, and registration renewals, on a yearly basis.

3. Procedure

- 3.1** The Hemp Specialist will email the zoning/planning department for the city or town where the registered hemp grower is growing hemp, after their registration has been approved.

Canned Language for email to municipalities:


Dear XXXXXX:

The Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) is notifying you that we have issued a hemp grower registration to an entity within your community. This type of registration is issued for the cultivation of industrial hemp, a legal agricultural commodity when grown in compliance with PA 220 of 2020, the Industrial Hemp Growers Act. MDARD inspectors:

- 3.2** Inspect such entities after they obtain a Hemp Grower Registration.

- 3.3** Sample crops when requested, which must occur prior to harvest to ensure compliance with the federal and state THC content requirement of 0.3% or lower.

- Respond to complaints and conduct investigations, sometimes in concert with local or state police.

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More information on MDARD's program can be found at www.Michigan.gov/HempGrowing.

Please be advised that MDARD cannot withhold a registration if a business has not met other state or municipal requirements, for example, zoning ordinances. As such, MDARD is now sending out this notice to the respective municipality after each hemp registration is issued to aid you in ensuring businesses meet your community's requirements.

MDARD is happy to provide you the information we generate for the registration, including the company name, grower registration number, and city(ies) of the business and growing locations. Business information can be found at <https://hemp.ams.usda.gov/s/PublicSearchTool>. Additional information may be provided to your law enforcement team upon request.


Registered Hemp Grower (Registration Issue Date: X/X/20XX. Valid through 2/1/2026):


List the registered hemp grower(s) company name, registration number and city/town for the business and each growing location

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact MDARD at 1-800-2929-3939 and ask for the Industrial Hemp Program Specialist.

- 3.4 Do a web search for the Zoning or Planning Department for the city, town, etc. where the hemp cultivation is taking place. Most will have a "General Inquiries" email address. If there is not a Zoning or Planning Department for the area, send the email to the local fire department.
- 3.5 When registering for a hemp license with MDARD, new and renewing growers will receive the following email informing them of the above disclosure process. This email will be sent by the Program Specialist:

Please be advised that as a Registered Industrial Hemp Grower within the State of Michigan, your company name, registration number, and the city/town of the business and where hemp is being grown, will be disclosed to the respective local municipality to facilitate compliance with local ordinances. Please contact MDARD-industrialhemp@michigan.gov if you have any questions.
- 3.6 Save a PDF copy of each email to the S:Drive (S:\PPPM_HEMP_Hemp Emails). Naming the file as follows: Business Name X-X-XXXX City or Twp Name MI Notification

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