

## What's the Change?

Article 4: Shall the ordinance entitled: "Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs in the Town of Hope, Maine" be amended?

A "YES" vote on Article 4 would allow the currently operating medical marijuana growers in Hope to choose to sell their product to "recreational" marijuana stores in Maine. A "YES" vote would NOT allow any new marijuana businesses in Hope: no stores, no social clubs, or even no cultivation facilities.

A "NO" vote would mean those few currently operating medical marijuana cultivators could NOT sell their product to recreational stores in Maine.

The amendment adds this language to the current ordinance:

### **Section 3. Prohibition on Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs**

Retail marijuana establishments, including retail marijuana stores, retail marijuana products manufacturing facilities and retail marijuana testing facilities, and retail marijuana social clubs, are expressly prohibited in this municipality.

No person or organization shall develop or operate a business that engages in retail or wholesale sales of a marijuana product, as defined in 7 M.R.S. § 2442

**Exceptions.** The following shall be exceptions to the general prohibitions specified by this Section 3:

- i.** Grandfathered cultivation facilities are permitted to cultivate marijuana flower in this municipality in a manner that is not inconsistent with the Marijuana Legalization Act.
- ii.** Grandfathered caregivers are permitted to develop or operate a business that engages in wholesale sales of marijuana flower in this municipality in a manner that is not inconsistent with the Marijuana Legalization Act.