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Anoka Cannabis Company to Make History with Ribbon Cutting on February 5th
The First Municipal Cannabis Dispensary in Minnesota

ANOKA, Minn. – In less than a year from the ground breaking, to full construction completion, the City of Anoka is set to cut the ribbon and make history by opening the Anoka Cannabis Company, the first municipal cannabis dispensary, not only in the state of Minnesota, but the only currently operating, city-managed dispensary in the United States. Fully owned by the City of Anoka, all profits from the venture will be reinvested back into the community. The ribbon cutting is set for 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026, at 839 East River Road in Anoka.

"Our residents want a safe, vibrant, and well-maintained community while keeping taxes as low as practicable. Anoka Cannabis Company allows the City of Anoka to do just that. We aim to safely control the sale of a regulated substance, set a high bar for others to follow, and use profits to lessen taxpayer burdens while further investing in the community," said Mayor Erik Skogquist. *"These opportunities rarely come along, and in Anoka, we are capitalizing on it to make sure that all 18,000 residents see the benefits."*

Paving the way for other cities, Anoka is setting the gold standard. Construction of the nearly 3,000-square foot facility began in May 2025 and has been one of the fastest-moving projects in the city's recent history. The building incorporates top-tier security measures, including a secure sally port, more than 35 cameras throughout the property, and reinforced glass windows. Additionally, solar panels will generate 88% of the dispensary's electrical needs, creating a more sustainable, eco-friendly impact on the community. Sales will begin on February 6th.

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“At Anoka Cannabis Company, education is at the heart of our mission,” said Stephanie Rietz, Dispensary Manager. *“We want our customers to feel empowered and informed through their cannabis journey, all while knowing their purchase benefits the community. We want to set a new standard for what community-centered, responsible cannabis access can look like.”*

Celebrate with these grand opening events:

- **Community Open House** - Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2026, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Get an inside look without the pressure of purchasing. No cannabis sales during this event.
- **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** - Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026, 2 p.m.
- **Opening Day** - Friday, Feb. 6, 2026, 10 a.m.
Open to the public by appointment only. Schedule your appointment at AnokaCannabis.com.
- **Grand Opening Event** - Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026, 12 p.m.- 4 p.m.
Join us in celebrating this history-making project.

Anoka Cannabis Company is a city-owned and operated cannabis dispensary proudly serving Anoka, Minnesota, and surrounding communities. Our mission is to provide safe, controlled, equitable, and community-centered access to high-quality cannabis products through education, integrity, and care, fostering wellness and responsible use in the city of Anoka. Fully owned and operated by the City of Anoka, 100% of profits will be reinvested directly into the community. Learn about the company’s core values and more at AnokaCannabis.com.

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Cutline: Anoka Cannabis Company, 839 East River Road