

Business Licensing and Development Fees for
Cannabis Retail Stores in Canada

Appendix 1

City	Required Licence(s)	Fee (New Application)	Renewal Fee	Comments
Regina SK Population: 216,000	Business License TOTAL	\$0 \$0	n/a	Regina does not license businesses as they do not have an appropriate bylaw to do so.
Calgary AB Population: 1,266,000	Business Licence Fire Fee Police Fee Planning Fee Discretionary Use TOTAL	\$ 191.00 \$ 104.00 \$ 40.00 \$ 41.00 \$ 653.00 \$ 1,029.00	\$ 146.00 \$ 104.00	Cannabis related businesses are discretionary uses in all scenarios.
Edmonton AB Population: 928,000	Business Licence Cannabis-Specific Development Permit TOTAL	\$ 2,500.00 \$ 5,600.00 \$ 8,100.00	\$ 2,500.00	Business License fee is intended to cover administrative costs. Development Permit fee is specific to change of use application for cannabis retail stores or cannabis production facilities. (For comparison, a change of use for a discretionary use is \$518)
Medicine Hat AB Population: 63,000	Business License Discretionary Use TOTAL	\$ 1,071.00 \$ 217.00 \$ 1,288.00	\$ 1,071.00	Cannabis retail stores are a discretionary use. A standard business license in Medicine Hat is \$94/year, although there is a wide range in license fees (from \$17-\$5,404)
Victoria BC Population: 84,000	Business Licence Rezoning Application TOTAL	\$ 5,000.00 \$ 7,500.00 \$ 12,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	Fees are based on administrative and staffing costs (Victoria has a planner that exclusively oversees all cannabis licencing).
Vancouver BC Population: 647,000	Business Licence TOTAL	\$ 33,097.00 \$ 33,097.00	\$ 33,097.00	Business License fee based on cost recovery for application, processing, regulation & enforcement.
Saskatoon SK Population: 272,200	Business License TOTAL	\$ 20,000.00 \$ 20,000.00	\$ 500.00 (Proposed)	

** It is understood that development permits and/or building permits would also be required to operate cannabis retail stores in the above mentioned municipalities, but for ease of comparison those fees are not included here except when specific to cannabis related businesses.*