

SUBJECT: **ORDINANCE NO. 1903, SERIES 2025 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS FOR NATURAL MEDICINE BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE – 2ND READING, PUBLIC HEARING (advertised City of Louisville website 09/26/2025)**

DATE: **NOVEMBER 3, 2025**

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PRESENTED BY: **MATT POST, AICP, SENIOR PLANNER**

SUMMARY:

This ordinance update proposes a targeted amendment to the City's Natural Medicine regulations to update the method of measurement for the required 1,000-foot separation between Natural Medicine Businesses and schools and child care facilities. The amendment aligns the City's ordinance with [State law](#) and responds to a request from City Council to update the method of measurement.

This update does not alter the existing 1,000-foot distance requirement itself, nor does it revise zoning allowances, operational limits, or any other provisions of the City's existing Natural Medicine ordinance.

The original staff report and supporting materials that led to the adoption of the City's Natural Medicine regulations in December of 2024, including the ordinance, are available [here](#).

BACKGROUND / PRIOR DISCUSSIONS:

In November 2022, Colorado voters approved Proposition 122, followed by the adoption of SB 23-290, which together established the state framework for Natural Medicine Businesses. The City of Louisville was required to adopt regulations to allow Natural Medicine Businesses by December 31, 2024. These laws provide that local governments may regulate the time, place, and manner of operation of such businesses, including reasonable distance requirements from sensitive uses such as schools and child care facilities.

Natural Medicine includes psilocybin/psilocyn and, if approved by the State under ongoing rulemaking, may also include dimethyltryptamine (DMT), ibogaine, and mescaline.

Natural Medicine Businesses include a Natural Medicine Healing Center, a Natural Medicine Cultivation Facility, a Natural Medicine Products Manufacturer, and a Natural Medicine Testing Facility.

In accordance with State law, Natural Medicine Businesses must be located at least 1,000 feet from licensed child care centers, preschools, elementary, middle, junior, and high schools. The State law indicates that those distances shall be measured by direct measurement from the nearest property line of the land used for a school or childcare facility to the nearest portion of the building in which natural medicine services are provided. The law also states, however, that local jurisdictions may vary those distance restrictions so long as the local jurisdiction does not unreasonably restrict the establishment of Natural Medicine Businesses.

In December of 2024, the City Council considered and adopted [Ordinance 1887, Series 2024](#), coming into compliance with state law and allowing Natural Medicine Businesses in the City of Louisville.

With [Ordinance 1887, Series 2024](#), the City adopted a separation distance rule of measurement that varied from the State's approach, applying a property line-to-property line separation requirement. The 1,000-foot buffer is currently measured from the property line of the school or child care facility to the property line of the Natural Medicine Business. This method was adopted both for ease of administration in reviewing applications and to ensure that the Downtown area, where schools and child care facilities are in close proximity to commercial parcels, would remain subject to use restrictions.

The proposed update will include a method of measurement to establish a separation distance that more closely aligns with the language in the State law. Under the proposed ordinance, separation distance is determined by a direct pedestrian route, as measured from the property line of the school or child care facility to the nearest portion of the building containing the Natural Medicine Business use.

ANALYSIS:**Natural Medicine Healing Centers**

Natural Medicine Healing Centers are licensed facilities that operate in a manner similar to medical or therapy offices. At these centers, trained facilitators administer Natural Medicine in a supervised setting and provide consultation and follow-up sessions with patients. Sessions typically take 4–6 hours, depending on the treatment. Facilitators are state-certified and trained in areas that include best practices, ethics, regulations, drug effects, and trauma-informed care. State law requires that transportation plans be in place for patients who have received Natural Medicine at a Natural Medicine Healing Center, since operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of Natural Medicine remains prohibited.

Staff anticipate that the proposed update will primarily affect the siting of Natural Medicine Healing Centers. These facilities are currently permitted in areas that also contain a relatively high concentration of schools and child care facilities. Under the City's prior

property line-to-property line method of measurement, certain areas, particularly within Downtown Louisville, were not eligible for Natural Medicine Healing Centers. With the adoption of a measurement method based on the direct pedestrian route from property line to nearest portion of the building, it is likely that some areas of Downtown Louisville may become eligible for the establishment of a Natural Medicine Healing Center. Zone districts where Natural Medicine Healing Centers may be established include:

- Administrative Office (A-O)
- Administrative Office-Transition (AO-T)
- Business Office (B-O)
- Commercial Community (C-C)
- Commercial Business (C-B)
- Residential Mixed-Use (MU-R)
- Planned Community Commercial (P-C)
- Permitted with Special Review Use:
 - Commercial Neighborhood (C-N)
 - Industrial (I)

Natural Medicine Cultivation, Products Manufacturing, and Testing Facilities Summary

The cultivation, manufacturing, and testing of Natural Medicine are light industrial activities that require specialized equipment and processes such as air handling systems, lighting, and chemical storage. Given the zoning districts where these uses are permitted, staff do not anticipate that the ordinance update will significantly affect the siting of these facilities, as there are minimal schools or child care facilities in these areas. Natural Medicine Cultivation, Products Manufacturing, and Testing Facilities are currently permitted in the Industrial (I) and Planned Community Industrial (P-I) zoning districts.

Proposal

The updated language will retain the 1,000 foot separation but establish a new rule for how the separation measurement is done based on what is a “direct pedestrian route”. The new language defines a direct pedestrian route as the distance measured along the most direct lawful pedestrian route from the nearest property line of the school or child care facility to the portion of the building or unit where the Natural Medicine Business will be located. The measurement must follow designated pedestrian routes, observe all traffic controls, and exclude trespassing or the use of alleys.

Louisville Municipal Code Sec. 17.16.340.B will be updated as follows. Words to be deleted ~~stricken~~; words to be added underlined:

- B. *Distance from schools.* No natural medicine business may be located within one thousand (1,000) feet of a child care center; preschool, elementary, middle, junior, or

high school; or a residential child care facility. The distance shall be determined by a ~~direct measurement from the nearest property line of the land used for a school or for child care to the nearest property line of the site containing the natural medicine business.~~ calculated by measuring the most direct pedestrian route from the nearest property line of the land use to the nearest portion of the building or unit where the natural medicine business use will be located. The measurement shall reflect a safe and lawful walking path, without trespassing or use of alleys, and shall follow designated pedestrian routes, and include right-angle crossings while observing all traffic signals and traffic regulations.

2025 COUNCIL WORK PLAN:

The proposed ordinance update, which revises the method of measuring separation distances between schools and natural medicine businesses, supports the Council's Economic Vitality Work Plan goal. By adopting a more permissive and practical approach, the update reflects Louisville's commitment to maintaining a business-friendly code framework.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Budgeted?: **Not Applicable**

ALTERNATIVE(S):

The City Council may elect not to adopt this ordinance, in which case the original ordinance would remain in effect.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission recommended approval of this ordinance amendment on September 11, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend approval of Ordinance 1903, Series 2025 recommending to the City Council approval of an ordinance amending Title 17 of the Louisville Municipal Code to update the method of measuring required separation distances between Natural Medicine Businesses and schools and child care facilities.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Ordinance No. 1903, Series 2025
2. Ordinance No. 1887, Series 2024
3. Existing Natural Medicine Buffer Map
4. Proposed Method of Measurement Example
5. Presentation

**ORDINANCE NO. 1903
SERIES 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE
CONCERNING DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS FOR NATURAL MEDICINE BUSINESSES
IN THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE**

WHEREAS, the City of Louisville (the “City”), is a Colorado home rule municipal corporation duly organized and existing under laws of the State of Colorado and the City of Louisville Home Rule Charter (the “City Charter”); and

WHEREAS, the People of the State of Colorado approved the citizens’ initiative known as “Proposition 122: Access to Natural Psychedelic Substances,” which is codified in Colo. Rev. Stat. § 12-170-101, et seq. (the “Enabling Act”) in November 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Enabling Act decriminalizes the personal possession, growing, sharing, and use, but not the sale, of natural psychedelic mushrooms (psilocybin and psilocin) and plant-based psychedelic substances (dimethyltryptamine, ibogaine, and mescaline), hereby referred to as Natural Medicine; and

WHEREAS, the Enabling Act allows for the supervised use of psychedelic mushrooms by individuals aged 21 and over at licensed facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Enabling Act allows for the cultivation, product manufacture, and testing of Natural Medicine at licensed facilities; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature enacted Senate Bill 23-290, which is codified in Colo. Rev. Stat. § 44-50-101, et seq. (the “Regulatory Act”), which establishes licensing requirements and regulations for Natural Medicine businesses, including healing centers, cultivation facilities, and products manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, the Regulatory Act prohibits local governments from banning Natural Medicine businesses within their boundaries, but allows them to adopt and enact ordinances governing the time, place, and manner of the operation of licensed businesses and further allows them to vary the distance restrictions imposed by the Regulatory Act; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 1887, Series 2024, adopted on December 3, 2024, the City Council established regulations, including distance restrictions for natural medicine businesses; and

WHEREAS, after a duly noticed public hearing held on September 11, 2025 where evidence and testimony were entered into the record, including the Louisville Planning Commission Staff Report dated September 11, 2025, the Louisville Planning Commission

has recommended the City Council adopt the amendments to the LMC set forth in this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, City Council has provided notice of a public hearing on said ordinance by publication as provided by law and held a public hearing as provided in said notice; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to enact this ordinance amending its regulation of the time, place, and manner of the operation of licensed Natural Medicine businesses by modifying the manner in which the distance restrictions under the Regulatory Act are computed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO:

Section 1. Section 17.16.340 of the Louisville Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows (words to be deleted ~~stricken~~; words to be added underlined):

Sec. 17.16.340 – Natural medicine businesses

- A. *Purpose.* The Colorado Natural Medicine Code, as codified in the Regulatory Act, specifically authorizes the governing body of a municipality to enact an ordinance to regulate the time, place, and manner of the operation of natural medicine businesses.
- B. *Distance from schools.* No natural medicine business may be located within one thousand (1,000) feet of a child care center; preschool, elementary, middle, junior, or high school; or a residential child care facility. The distance shall be ~~determined by a direct measurement from the nearest property line of the land used for a school or for child care to the nearest property line of the site containing the natural medicine business.~~ calculated by measuring the most direct pedestrian route from the nearest property line of the land use to the nearest portion of the building or unit where the natural medicine business will be located. The measurement shall reflect a safe and lawful walking path, without trespassing or use of alleys, and shall follow designated pedestrian routes, and include right-angle crossings while observing all traffic signals and traffic regulations.
- C. *Hours of operation.* The provision of natural medicine services at a natural medicine healing center shall only occur between the hours of 8:00am and 10:00pm.

Section 2. If any portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each part hereof irrespective of the fact that any one part be declared invalid.

Section 3. The repeal or modification of any provision of the Municipal Code of the City of Louisville by this ordinance shall not release, extinguish, alter, modify, or change in whole or in part any penalty, forfeiture, or liability, either civil or criminal, which shall have been incurred under such provision, and each provision shall be treated and held as still remaining in force for the purpose of sustaining any and all proper actions, suits, proceedings, and prosecutions for the enforcement of the penalty, forfeiture, or liability, as well as for the purpose of sustaining any judgment, decree, or order which can or may be rendered, entered, or made in such actions, suits, proceedings, or prosecutions.

Section 4. All other ordinances or portions thereof inconsistent or conflicting with this ordinance or any portion hereof are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED ON FIRST READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this 16th day of September 2025.

Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Genny Kline, Interim City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING WILL BE THE 3rd DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025, AT 6:00 P.M. AT LOUISVILLE CITY HALL, 749 MAIN STREET, LOUISVILLE, CO 80027.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING, this 3rd day of November 2025.

Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Genny Kline, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kelly PC, City Attorney

**ORDINANCE NO. 1887
SERIES 2024**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE
CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF NATURAL MEDICINE BUSINESSES IN THE
CITY OF LOUISVILLE AND AMENDING TITLE 9 TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR
UNLAWFUL USE AND CULTIVATION OF NATURAL MEDICINE**

WHEREAS, the City of Louisville (the “City”), is a Colorado home rule municipal corporation duly organized and existing under laws of the State of Colorado and the City of Louisville Home Rule Charter (the “City Charter”);

WHEREAS, the People of the State of Colorado approved the citizens’ initiative known as “Proposition 122: Access to Natural Psychedelic Substances,” which is codified in Colo. Rev. Stat. § 12-170-101, et seq. (the “Enabling Act”) in November 2022;

WHEREAS, the Enabling Act decriminalizes the personal possession, growing, sharing, and use, but not the sale, of natural psychedelic mushrooms (psilocybin and psilocin) and plant-based psychedelic substances (dimethyltryptamine, ibogaine, and mescaline), hereby referred to as Natural Medicine;

WHEREAS, the Enabling Act allows for the supervised use of psychedelic mushrooms by individuals aged 21 and over at licensed facilities;

WHEREAS, the Enabling Act allows for the cultivation, product manufacture, and testing of Natural Medicine at licensed facilities;

WHEREAS, the State Legislature enacted Senate Bill 23-290, which is codified in Colo. Rev. Stat. § 44-50-101, et seq. (the “Regulatory Act”), which establishes licensing requirements and regulations for Natural Medicine businesses, including healing centers, cultivation facilities, and products manufacturers;

WHEREAS, the Regulatory Act prohibits local governments from banning Natural Medicine businesses within their boundaries, but allows them to adopt and enact ordinances governing the time, place, and manner of the operation of licensed businesses and further allows them to vary the distance restrictions imposed by the Regulatory Act;

WHEREAS, after a duly noticed public hearing held October 10, 2024, where evidence and testimony were entered into the record, including the Louisville Planning Commission Staff Report dated October 10, 2024, the Louisville Planning Commission has recommended the City Council adopt the amendments to the LMC set forth in this ordinance;

WHEREAS, City Council has provided notice of a public hearing on said ordinance by publication as provided by law and held a public hearing as provided in said notice;

WHEREAS, City Council desires to enact this ordinance to regulate the time, place, and manner of the operation of licensed Natural Medicine businesses by identifying the appropriate zoning districts in which Natural Medicine businesses may operate, by modifying the manner in which the distance restrictions under the Regulatory Act are computed, and by regulating the hours of operation for Natural Medicine businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further desires to establish penalties for offenses relating to unlawful use and cultivation of natural medicine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO:

Section 1. Louisville Municipal Code Chapter 17.08 (Definitions) is hereby amended by the addition of a new Section 17.08.338 and definitions as follows:

Sec. 17.08.338. – Natural medicine.

- A. *Natural medicine* means psilocybin or psilocyn and other substances described in the Regulatory Act as “natural medicine.”
- B. *Natural medicine business* includes a natural medicine healing center, a natural medicine cultivation facility, a natural medicine products manufacturer, or a natural medicine testing facility, or another licensed entity created by the state licensing authority.
- C. *Natural medicine cultivation facility* means a facility engaged in the cultivation of natural medicine.
- D. *Natural medicine healing center* means a facility licensed by the state licensing authority that permits a facilitator to provide and supervise natural medicine services for a participant.
- E. *Natural medicine products manufacturer* means a facility engaged in the manufacturing of natural medicine products.
- F. *Natural medicine testing facility* means a facility engaged in the testing of and research on natural medicine and natural medicine products.
- G. *Regulatory Act* means the Colorado Natural Medicine Code, as codified in Colo. Rev. Stat. § 44-50-101, et seq., as amended.

In addition to the foregoing definitions, other terms used in this title shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Regulatory Act.

Section 2. Louisville Municipal Code Section 17.12.030 is hereby amended as follows (words to be added are underlined):

Sec. 17.12.030 – Use groups.

Use Groups		Districts																	
		A	A-O	B-O	A-OT	R-RR	SF-R	SF-E	R-R R-E R-L	SF-LD SF-MD SF-HD	R-M	R-H	C-N	C-C	C-B	I	PCZD	MU-R	OS

Section 3. Louisville Municipal Code Section 17.13.020 in Chapter 17.13 (Administrative office-transition zone district) is hereby amended as follows (words to be added are underlined):

Sec. 17.13.020 – Use groups

No land shall be used or occupied and no structure shall be designed, erected, altered, used, or occupied, except for one or more of the following uses by right, provided that a use by right may be accompanied by lawful accessory uses and buildings:

- A. Professional and business offices;
- B. Medical and dental offices and clinics;
- C. Studios for professional work or teaching (instruction limited to no more than ten students) of any form of fine arts, photography, music, drama, dance but not including a commercial gymnasium.
- D. Natural medicine healing center

Section 4. Louisville Municipal Code Section 17.14.050, Table 1 in Chapter 17.14 (Mixed use zone districts) is hereby amended as follows (words to be added are underlined):

Sec. 17.14.050 – Permitted uses and district specific regulations

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TABLE 1: PRINCIPAL USES ALLOWED IN THE MIXED USE ZONE DISTRICTS		
Yes = Permitted By-Right	No = Not Permitted	
R = Permitted Subject to Special Review		
PRINCIPAL USES	CC	MU-R

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Office Use Group		
Financial institutions—No drive through facility	Yes	Yes
Financial institutions with drive-through facility per CDDSG Section 2.1.2	Yes	No
General research facilities	No	No
Medical and dental clinics	Yes	Yes
Professional and businesses offices	Yes	Yes
Research and development	No	No
Small animal clinics (fully enclosed)	Yes	No
Natural medicine healing center	Yes	Yes

Section 5. Louisville Municipal Code Section 17.16.040 in Chapter 17.16 (General regulations) is hereby amended as follows (words to be added are underlined):

Sec. 17.16.040 – Home occupations

Home occupations shall be allowed as a permitted accessory use governed by the following regulations:

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- H. The following uses, because of their tendency to go beyond the limits permitted for home occupations and thereby impair the use and value of the residential area, shall not be permitted as home occupations: auto repair or motorized implement repair; dance, music or other types of instruction (if more than four students being instructed at one time); dental offices; medical offices; natural medicine businesses; medical marijuana businesses; medical marijuana optional premises cultivation operations; retail marijuana establishments; retail marijuana cultivation facilities; the painting of vehicles, trailers or boats; private schools with organized classes; radio and television repair; barber and/or beauty shop; welding shops; nursing homes; massage therapy by a massage therapist; sexually oriented businesses; and, irrespective of whether the use may be categorized as a sexually oriented business, any retail or wholesale sales to consumers upon the premises of any types of materials specified in this title which describe or depict specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas.

Section 6. Louisville Municipal Code Chapter 17.16 (General regulations) is hereby amended by the addition of a new Section 17.16.340 as follows:

Sec. 17.16.340 – Natural medicine businesses

- A. *Purpose.* The Colorado Natural Medicine Code, as codified in the Regulatory Act, specifically authorizes the governing body of a municipality to enact an ordinance to regulate the time, place, and manner of the operation of natural medicine businesses.
- B. *Distance from schools.* No natural medicine healing center may be located within one thousand (1,000) feet of a child care center; preschool, elementary, middle, junior, or high school; or a residential child care facility. The distance shall be determined by a direct measurement from the nearest property line of the land used for a school or for child care to the nearest property line of the site containing the natural medicine healing center.
- C. *Hours of operation.* The provision of natural medicine services at a natural medicine healing center shall only occur between the hours of 6:00am and 12:00am.

Section 7. Louisville Municipal Code Title 9 (Public Peace and Welfare) is hereby amended by the addition of a new Chapter 9.42 as follows:

Chapter 9.42 Offenses Relating to Natural Medicine

Sec. 9.42.010. Definitions.

Natural medicine means dimethyltryptamine, mescaline, ibogaine, psilocybin, or psilocyn, or any other substance listed in Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-18-434, as amended.

Natural medicine product means a product infused with natural medicine that is intended for consumption.

In addition to the foregoing definitions, other terms used in this chapter shall have the meanings ascribed to them in Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-18-434, as amended.

Sec. 9.42.020. Underage possession of natural medicine.

(a) It is unlawful for a person under the age of twenty-one (21) to knowingly possess or consume natural medicine or a natural medicine product.

(b) A person convicted of violating this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) or not more than four (4) hours of substance abuse education or counseling; except that a second or subsequent conviction is subject to a fine of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200), not more than four (4) hours of substance use education or counseling, and not more than twenty-four (24) hours of useful public service.

Sec. 9.42.030. Unlawful display or consumption of natural medicine.

(a) It is unlawful for a person to openly and publicly display or consume natural medicine or a natural medicine product.

(b) A person convicted of violating this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) and not more than twenty-four (24) hours of useful public service.

Sec. 9.42.040. Unlawful cultivation of natural medicine.

(a) It is unlawful for a person to knowingly cultivate natural medicine that cumulatively exceeds an area of more than twelve (12) feet wide by twelve (12) feet long in one or more cultivation areas on private property, or for a person who owns, occupies, or controls private property to knowingly allow such cultivation.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), it is unlawful for any person to knowingly cultivate natural medicine on private property outside of an enclosed or locked space, or for any person who owns, occupies, or controls private property to knowingly allow such cultivation.

(c) It shall not be a violation of subsection (b), if the person cultivating the natural medicine is twenty-one (21) years of age or older, if the cultivation area is located in a dwelling on private property, and:

(1) If a person under the age of twenty-one (21) lives at the dwelling, the cultivation area itself is enclosed and locked; or

(2) If no person under the age of twenty-one (21) lives at the dwelling, the external locks on the dwelling constitute an enclosed and locked space, but if a person under the age of twenty-one (21) enters the dwelling, the person cultivating the natural medicine shall ensure that access to the cultivation area is reasonably restricted while the person under the age of twenty-one (21) is present on the private property.

(d) A person convicted of violating subsection (a) or (b) shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Section 8. If any portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each part hereof irrespective of the fact that any one part be declared invalid.

Section 9. The repeal or modification of any provision of the Municipal Code of the City of Louisville by this ordinance shall not release, extinguish, alter, modify, or change in whole or in part any penalty, forfeiture, or liability, either civil or criminal, which shall have been incurred under such provision, and each provision shall be treated and held as still

remaining in force for the purpose of sustaining any and all proper actions, suits, proceedings, and prosecutions for the enforcement of the penalty, forfeiture, or liability, as well as for the purpose of sustaining any judgment, decree, or order which can or may be rendered, entered, or made in such actions, suits, proceedings, or prosecutions.

Section 10. All other ordinances or portions thereof inconsistent or conflicting with this ordinance or any portion hereof are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED ON FIRST READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this 11th day of November 2024.



Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

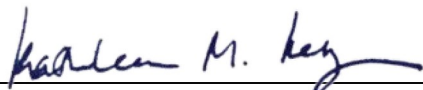
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Genny Kline, Interim City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kelly PC, City Attorney

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING, this 3rd day of December 2024.



Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

ATTEST:



Genny Kline, Interim City Clerk



Considered Zone Districts - Natural Medicine Businesses

Legend

- School or Child Care Property
- School/Child Care 1,000 ft Buffer
- Municipal Boundary

General Zoning Districts

- Agriculture
- Open Space/Recreation
- Office
- Industrial
- Commercial
- Commercial/Residential
- Residential

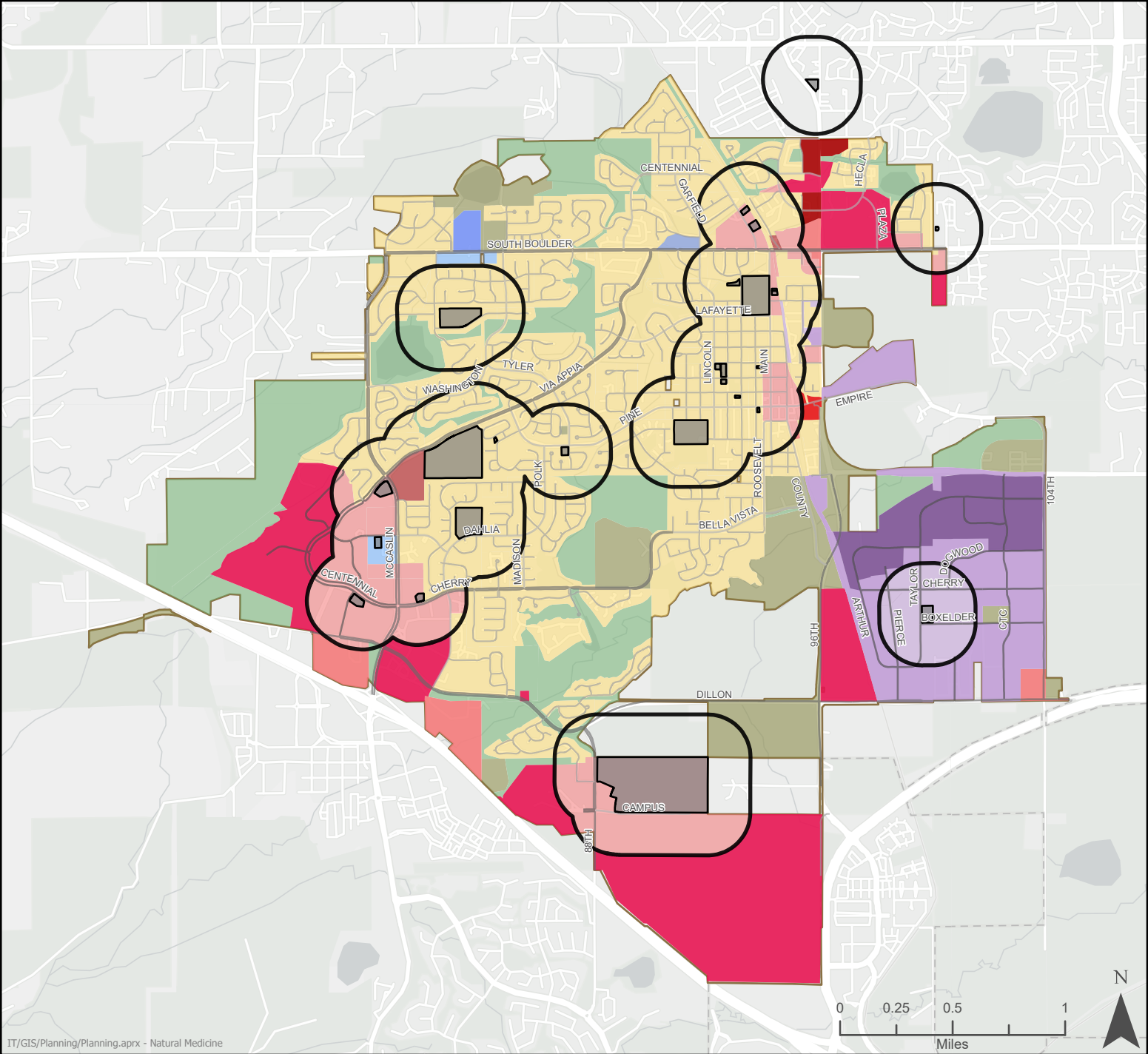
Considered Zones

Natural Medicine Healing Center

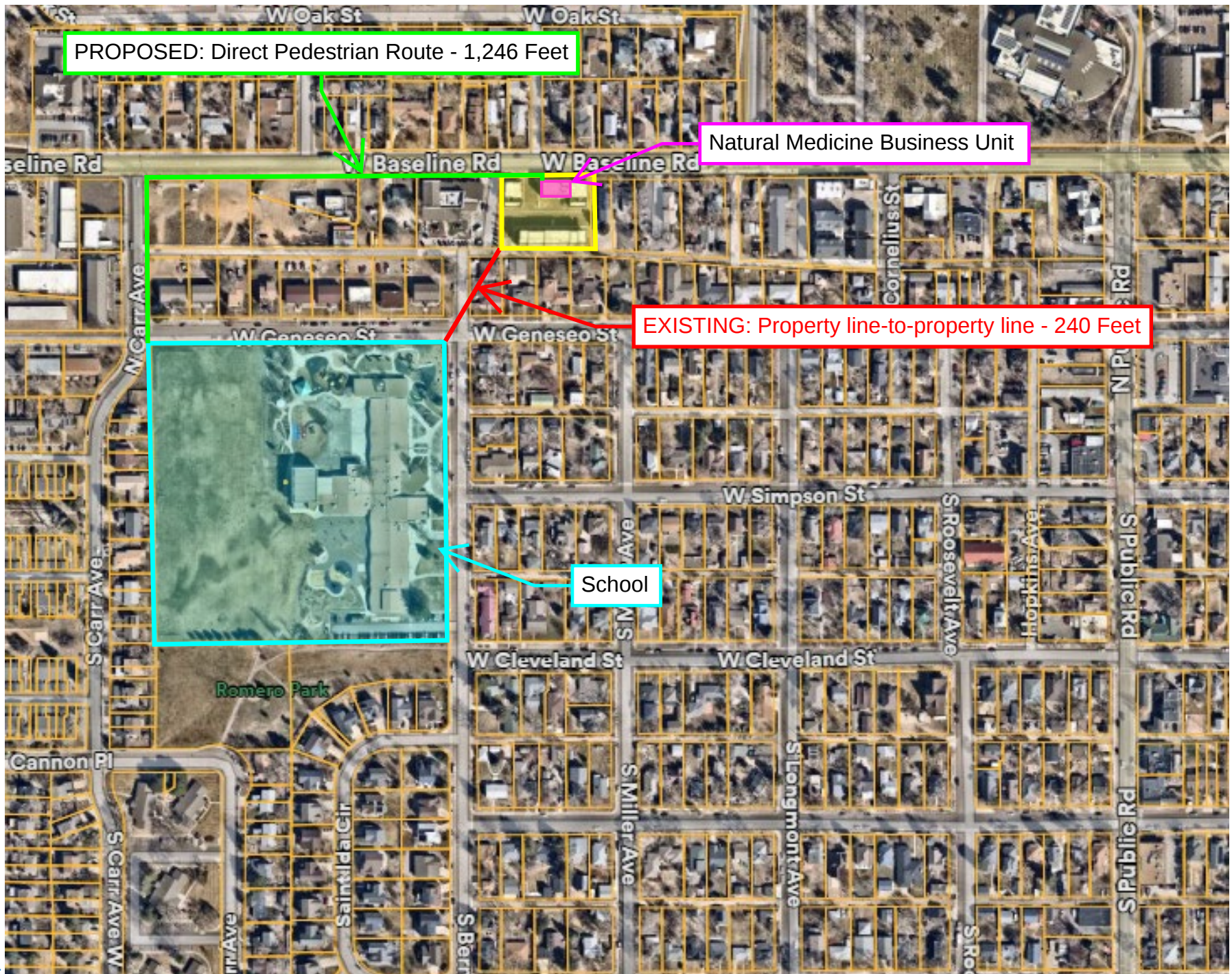
- Administrative Office
- Business Office
- Commercial Business
- Commercial Community
- Planned Community Commercial
- Planned Community Commercial/Residential

Natural Medicine Cultivation, Production, and Testing Facilities

- Industrial
- Planned Community Industrial



Illustrative Example - Method of Measurement Comparison: Natural Medicine Business Separation Distance from Schools and Childcare Facilities (Proposed/Existing)



City Council

November 3, 2025

Natural Medicine Ordinance Update 2nd Reading

Approval of Ordinance No. 1903, Series 2025, amending Title 17 of the Louisville Municipal Code to update the method of measuring required separation distances between Natural Medicine Businesses and schools and childcare facilities.

Summary: Natural Medicine Code Update

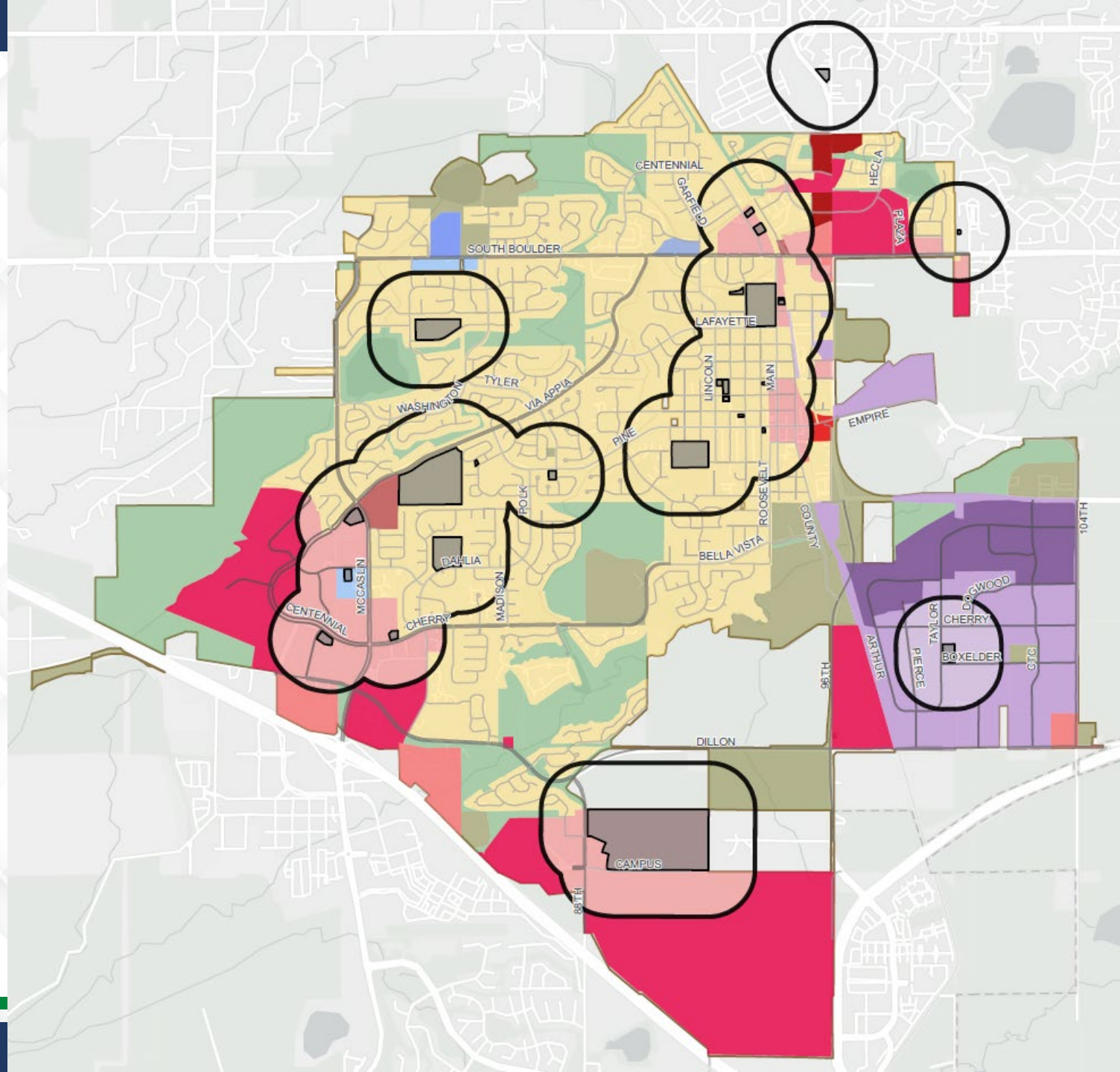
- Colorado voters passed Proposition 122 in November of 2022
- Decriminalized the possession, cultivation, sharing, and use of psilocybin and other related substances, referred to as “Natural Medicine”
- This State law Permits the supervised use of Natural Medicine and the cultivation, manufacturing, and testing of Natural Medicine at “Natural Medicine Businesses”
- **City Council Adopted Ordinance 1887, Series 2024 in December of 2024, permitting Natural Medicine Businesses in the City of Louisville**

Proposal

- This amendment includes an update to the rule of measurement for the 1,000-foot separation requirement between Natural Medicine Businesses and schools and childcare facilities.
- Existing method utilizes a property line-to-property line rule of measurement
- Updated rule of measurement proposes and direct pedestrian route, measured from property line of school to nearest portion of building containing a Natural Medicine Business use.

Proposed Language

Distance from schools. No natural medicine business may be located within one thousand (1,000) feet of a child care center; preschool, elementary, middle, junior, or high school; or a residential child care facility. The distance shall be ~~determined by a direct measurement from the nearest property line of the land used for a school or child care facility to the nearest property line of the site containing the natural medicine business.~~ calculated by measuring the most direct pedestrian route from the nearest property line of the land use to the nearest portion of the building or unit where the natural medicine business use will be located. The measurement shall reflect a safe and lawful walking path, without trespassing or use of alleys, and shall follow designated pedestrian routes, and include right-angle crossings while observing all traffic signals and traffic regulations.



PROPOSED: Direct Pedestrian Route - 1,246 Feet

Natural Medicine Business Unit

EXISTING: Property line-to-property line - 240 Feet

School



City of
Louisville

Analysis: Natural Medicine Healing Centers

- **Natural Medicine Healing Centers**
 - Licensed facilities, similar to medical or therapy offices.
 - Facilitators trained in best practices, ethics, regulations, drug effects, and trauma-informed care.
 - State law requires transportation plans; driving under the influence remains prohibited.
- **Impact of Proposed Update**
 - Update primarily affects siting of Healing Centers.
 - These facilities are allowed in areas with higher concentrations of schools and childcare.
 - Previous property line-to-property line rule limited siting, especially in Downtown Louisville.
 - New pedestrian-route measurement may open eligibility for Downtown locations.

Natural Medicine Code Amendment Recommendation

Approval of Ordinance No. 1903, Series 2025, amending Title 17 of the Louisville Municipal Code to update the method of measuring required separation distances between Natural Medicine Businesses and schools and childcare facilities.