



Decriminalization is sweeping Michigan - one city at a time

Each of the following Michigan cities have removed criminal penalties for the possession of a personal amount of marijuana under their own city ordinances. Ann Arbor led the way in 1972, but more recently, well over a dozen other cities in Michigan have passed similar laws. With only two exceptions, the following cities have replaced arrest and a jail sentence with a modest fine.

Unfortunately, despite broad support among voters, state law has remained unchanged, leaving those caught in possession at risk of arrest and jail. [Please take a moment to urge your representative and senator to support a statewide law to remove criminal penalties for possession.](#)

<u>Order</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	Ann Arbor	4/1972
2	Kalamazoo*	10/2012
3	Detroit	11/2012
4	Flint	11/2012
5	Grand Rapids	11/2012
6	Ypsilanti**	11/2012
7	Ferndale	11/2013
8	Jackson	11/2013
9	Lansing	11/2013
10	Hazel Park	8/2014
11	Oak Park	8/2014
12	Berkley	11/2014
13	Huntington Woods	11/2014
14	Mount Pleasant	11/2014
15	Pleasant Ridge	11/2014
16	Port Huron	11/2014
17	Saginaw	11/2014
18	East Lansing	5/2015
19	Portage	11/2015
20	Keego Harbor	11/2015

*Possession is still a criminal offense in Kalamazoo, but the city lowered penalties and removed the option of arrest.

** Voters in Ypsilanti voted in support of a “lowest priority initiative,” designed to redirect police

efforts away from enforcing laws against marijuana in lieu of more serious crime.