

Marijuana Regulation & Taxation Act (MRTA) Taskforce Application for Consideration

New York continues to develop regulations related to adult use of cannabis (marijuana), revising long-standing law enforcement policies and creating new business opportunities throughout the State. As this process unfolds, the City of Kingston is creating a Task Force to gather community input regarding these policy changes.

The City **has not** opted out of allowing licensing for local dispensaries and on-site consumption; [the NY State Office of Cannabis Management](#) will control that process. The mission of this Task Force will be to help guide the City in our limited authority over the time, place and manner of retail operations. It will also amplify community voices regarding enforcement concerns and goals for how MRTA tax proceeds can be reinvested to achieve the law's social equity objectives.

The MRTA Task Force will meet periodically over 12 months and compile information that will be posted on the City's website. Membership will consist of nine persons that live and/or work in the City, including representatives of groups or institutions. The City may also consider applications from individuals with significant ties to the City who are committed to equitable and sustainable economic growth.

If you are interested in joining the Task Force, please complete the following application by Friday July 8, 2022.*

1. Name (individuals and/or institutional)

2. Address (personal and/or professional)

3. Age range of individual applicant
 - 21-35
 - 36-50
 - 51-65
 - 65+

4. Have you served on a City of Kingston board, commission or advisory group within the last 5 years?

5. Describe your ties to the City of Kingston (50 words or less).

* Institutional applicants should provide information for their representative.

