

**TITLE 4: ECONOMIC RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 5: BUSINESS REGULATION**

**§ 53054. Prohibition Against Use of Marijuana in Public Place.**

(a) It is unlawful for any person to engage in the use, display, or exhibit of marijuana items in a public place or public property or in the presence of a person under 21 years of age.

(b) A violation of subsection (a) is punishable by a fine of \$250 for the first offense, \$1,000 for a second and subsequent offense.

(c) Marijuana Free Zones. It is unlawful for any person to engage in the use of marijuana or to possess marijuana in any of the following locations:

(1) Any government building;

(i) This provision will not be applicable to any government entity acting to carry out its duties under the law;

(2) Any school or school property, whether public or private;

(3) The Northern Marianas College or any property of the Northern Marianas College, except that the Northern Marianas College may permit the possession or use of marijuana on its premises for purposes of research;

(4) Any business establishment licensed to serve alcohol; and

(5) Any federal building or property.

(d) An individual possessing marijuana in accordance with subsection (c)(3) may not possess more than sixteen (16) ounces of marijuana.

(e) A violation of subsection (c) is punishable by a fine of \$500 for the first offense, or \$1,000 for a second or subsequent offense.

**Source:** PL 20-66 § 2(154) (Sept. 21, 2018), modified; amended by PL 21-05, § 2(J) (Aug. 21, 2019).

**Commission Comment:** In codifying PL 20-66, the Commission struck “of this section” in (b) and (d) pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(g).