
Recreational Marijuana

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■ Purpose

- Provide background on Initiative 502
- Discuss land use options for recreational marijuana facilities

■ Background

- Marijuana still is illegal under the Federal Controlled Substances Act of 1970
- Federal government maintains right to prosecute state-authorized medical marijuana users.
- Federal government may not require states to enforce federal law, but can prosecute for violation or deny grants.
- DEA letter to Clark County, January 2012.



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- State of Washington
 - Initiative 502 adopted by voters in November 2012
 - Requires the Washington Liquor Control Board (LCB) to adopt regulations regarding facilities for the production, processing, and retailing of marijuana and marijuana-related products
 - Regulations went into effect Nov. 16, 2013
 - Codified as Chapter 314-55 WAC
 - LCB licenses production, processing, and retailing facilities
 - License application period closed Dec. 21, 2013



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- Clark County
 - Local jurisdictions are responsible for siting facilities
 - County does not have zoning requirements to allow siting of facilities
 - Board adopted six-month moratorium on such facilities in August
 - Board affirmed moratorium in October; directed staff to engage community and prepare draft zoning requirements
 - Moratorium expires in February 2014



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■ Timeline

- Public meetings in November
 - Nov. 18: Ridgefield, CCFR Station 21
 - Nov. 20: Hockinson, CCFD Station 3
 - Nov. 25: Vancouver, CC Public Service Center
 - Nov. 26: Camas Public Library
- Board work session: January 8, 2014
- Planning Commission hearing in February
- Board hearing in March



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■ Land use options

■ Location

- WAC allows both indoor and outdoor growing
- WAC prohibits facilities within 1,000 feet of schools, child care centers, playgrounds, recreational centers/facilities, parks, transit centers, libraries and game arcades
- Where to allow production facilities?
- Where to allow processing facilities?
- Where to allow retailing facilities?



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- Land use options
 - Hours of operation
 - WAC limits for retailing: 8 a.m. to midnight
 - Signage
 - Ban signage (WAC bans symbols in advertising)
 - Spacing requirements
 - Should there be distance requirements between facilities?
 - Co-location of facilities?
 - Facility operations
 - Requirements for noise, glare, smoke, odor, etc. similar to other industrial operations



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■ Open Houses

Open House Date	# Attendees	# Surveys received
18-Nov	8	8
20-Nov	9	5
25-Nov	21	24
26-Nov	16	17
Total	54	54

■ Locations

- Retail facility zones: C-2, C-3, GC, BP, CR-1, CR-2
- Production facility zones: IL, IH, FR-40, FR-80, AG-20, CR-1, CR-2, UR-10, UR-20, UR-40
- Processing facility zones: C-2, C-3, GC, IL, IH, BP, FR-40, FR-80, AG-20, R-5, R-10, R-20, CR-1, CR-2, UR-10, UR-20, UR-40.

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■ Open Houses

- Ban signage: no
- Ban symbols: no (required in the WAC)
- Distance between facilities: no
- Co-location of facilities: yes
- Hours of operation, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. (WAC limits): yes



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- Clark County License Applications

	TOTAL	CLARK COUNTY
Production	107	71
Processing	82	48
Retail	106	35



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- Further information:

http://www.clark.wa.gov/planning/land_use/marijuana_facilities.html

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