

Marijuana Code Amendments

City of Tacoma
Planning & Development Services Department

City Council Public Hearing
April 26, 2016

Background

- Recent State Regulatory History
- Cannabis Patient Protection Act
- Recent Local Regulatory History
- Current Situation in Tacoma



Zoning Code Amendments

Key Issues:

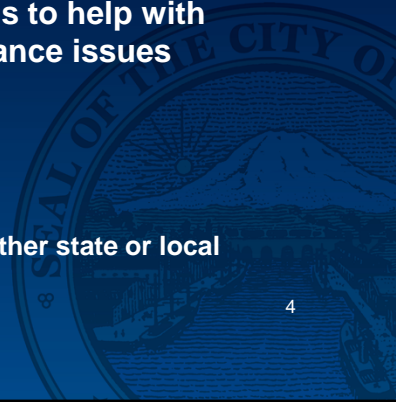
- Cap on Retail Stores (Maximum Number)
- Buffers from Retail Stores
- Dispersion between Retail Stores
- Medical Endorsement
- Medical Cooperatives



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Nuisance Code Amendments

- Companion amendments to the Nuisance Code (*TMC 8.30*)
- Removes references to collective gardens
- Maintains current provisions to help with enforcement of public nuisance issues
 - Unlicensed operators
 - Public smoking or ingesting
 - Odor
 - Operating inconsistent with other state or local standards



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Zoning Recommendations

	Existing Regulations	Staff Recommendations	Planning Commission Recommendations
Cap	No cap	Cap at 16 <i>(current State cap for Tacoma)</i>	No local cap
Buffers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000-feet for schools and playgrounds <i>(per State law, this cannot be modified)</i> • 1,000-feet for other sensitive uses (parks, child care, rec. centers, libraries, game arcades, transit centers, correctional facilities, and rehab centers) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000-feet for schools and playgrounds • 100-feet for transit centers citywide • 500-feet for other sensitive uses within the Downtown • 1,000-feet for other sensitive uses elsewhere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000-feet for schools and playgrounds • 100-feet for transit centers citywide • 500-feet for other sensitive uses citywide
Dispersion	Not required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500-feet in Downtown • 1,000-feet elsewhere 	Not required
Medical Endorsement	Not currently addressed <i>(Newly established in state law)</i>	50% of retail stores are required to have State medical endorsement	100% of retail stores required to have State medical endorsement
Cooperatives	Not currently addressed <i>(Newly established in state law)</i>	Allow Cooperatives, with standard State buffers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-mile from retailers <i>(per State law, this cannot be modified)</i> • 1,000-feet from sensitive uses 	Allow Cooperatives, with reduced buffers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-mile from retailers • 1,000-feet for schools and playgrounds • 100-feet for other sensitive uses

Next Steps

- **May 3** Study Session
- **May 10** First Reading of Ordinance
- **May 24** Final Reading of Ordinance
- **June 5** Regulations Effective; Moratorium Terminated

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