



City of Tacoma
Planning and Development Services

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
October 22, 2013

SUBJECT

Proposed Interim Land Use Regulations concerning the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana.

SUMMARY

The Proposed Interim Regulations would amend Tacoma Municipal Code, Chapters 13.06 – Zoning, 13.06A – Downtown Tacoma, and 13.10 – Shoreline Management, with the following provisions:

- Define marijuana uses (marijuana producer, marijuana processor, and marijuana retailer) in accordance with the respective terms as defined in RCW 69.50;
- Prohibit all marijuana uses in residential and shoreline districts;
- Allow marijuana producers and marijuana processors outright in intensive industrial zones;
- Allow marijuana retailers outright in most commercial, mixed-use, industrial, and downtown zoning districts;
- Prohibit marijuana uses from locating within 1,000 feet of public parks, playgrounds, recreation/community centers, libraries, child care centers, schools, game arcades, and public transit centers, pursuant to WAC 314-55;
- Prohibit marijuana uses from locating within 1,000 feet of correctional facilities, court houses, or drug rehabilitation facilities, substance abuse facilities, or detoxification centers;
- Require marijuana uses to comply with additional development standards concerning odor controls, drive-throughs, size and hours of operation, signage and advertisement, and other applicable standards; and
- Add Urban Horticulture as a new use category, to be allowed outright within intensive industrial districts.

BACKGROUND

Initiative 502, approved by Washington voters in November 2012, provides a framework for licensing and regulating the production, processing, and retailing uses of recreational marijuana. The Washington State Liquor Control Board is tasked with establishing rules and procedures to implement Initiative 502. According to the Board's schedule, the Proposed Rules would become effective on November 16 and the State would begin accepting applications for all license types on November 18, 2013. In response to Initiative 502 and the associated rules to be issued by the Board, it is in the best interest of the City to consider land use and zoning options to provide policy and regulatory guidance to facilitate the review of marijuana license applications within the City limits that are expected to come forward in November 2013. To that end, the City Council has initiated the interim regulations that are proposed to become effective on November 17, 2013.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please visit the Planning Services Division's website at www.cityoftacoma.org/planning and click on "Recreational Marijuana".