



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST (CCR)**

TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Deputy Mayor Thoms and Council Assistant Brad Forbes
COPIES TO: Elizabeth Pauli, Acting City Manager; Mark Lauzier, Assistant City Manager;
Bill Fosbre, Acting City Attorney; Executive Leadership Team; File
SUBJECT: Marijuana uses buffer
DATE: May 4, 2017

ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda at the earliest available meeting of the Study Session:

I respectfully ask the City Council to amend the City of Tacoma's marijuana regulation ordinance to include Metropolitan Park District parks, recreation centers, facilities, and playgrounds in the 1,000 foot buffer zone for marijuana uses.

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

It is clear from the relevant statutes and regulations (RCW 69.50.331(8) (a) and (b) and WAC 314-55-050(10)-(11)) that the State Legislature and the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board intended public playgrounds to be in a class of uses having the highest level buffer from marijuana uses. The buffer for parks, recreation centers, and facilities can be reduced, but the City's ordinance is presently unclear about any such reduction. The gap for playgrounds arises from the State's failure to include playgrounds (and recreation centers and facilities) owned by a metropolitan parks district in its definitions.

FUNDING REQUESTED:

This action does not require any funding.

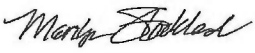
If you have any questions related to the Council Consideration Request, please contact Brad Forbes at 253-591-5166 or bforbes@cityoftacoma.org.




SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY: _____
Deputy Mayor Thoms

SUPPORTING COUNCILMEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES ONLY)

(Signatures demonstrate support to initiate discussion and consideration of the subject matter by City Council for potential policy development and staff guidance/direction.)

1. 

Mayor

2. 

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