



Commercial Cannabis Ordinance

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Today's Item



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- Recommended adoption of an interim ordinance temporarily prohibiting commercial cannabis.
- Additional recommendation to include prohibition on outdoor cultivation if Board wishes to study outdoor cultivation further.

Background

- November 14, 2017 Board meeting
 - Board discussion on priorities for cannabis regulation following changes in State law.
 - Focus on two issues:
 - Updating existing ordinance (Ch. 8.10).
 - Temporarily prohibiting commercial cannabis activities due to upcoming State licensing.



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Need for Interim Ordinance



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- State to begin issuing licenses on Jan. 1, 2018.
 - Without ordinance directly addressing commercial cannabis, State may issue licenses for businesses in unincorporated county.
 - State has emergency regulations only.
 - Not adequately regulated without local law.
- Current personal cultivation ordinance based on old law.

Ordinance Options



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- Option 1: Prohibits commercial cannabis activities only
 - Best if no interest in allowing outdoor cultivation.
- Option 2: Prohibits both commercial cannabis and outdoor cultivation
 - Provides interim coverage while continuing to work on updating existing code.
 - Also best if Board unsure about future edits.

Ordinance Details



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- Both Options:
 - Prohibit all commercial cannabis activities.
- Option 2 additionally:
 - Prohibits all outdoor cultivation.
- Exceptions in both:
 - 6 plants indoors, following current indoor regulations in Ch. 8.10.
 - Pass-throughs by licensed businesses.
 - Deliveries by licensed businesses.

Ordinance Next Steps



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- Requires 4/5 vote.
- Goes into effect immediately.
- Lasts 45 days.
- Within 45 days, will return Board with further options:
 - Extend moratorium for up to two years.
 - Adopt another ordinance, if staff directed to prepare one.
 - Allow to expire.



Questions?