



ORDINANCE NO. 28250

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to land use regulations associated with Initiative 502;
2 extending interim land use regulations for a six-month term,
3 to May 16, 2015, concerning the production, processing, and retail sale of
4 recreational marijuana.

5 WHEREAS Initiative 502 ("I-502"), approved by Washington voters in
6 November 2012, provides a framework for licensing and regulating the production,
7 processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana, and

8 WHEREAS the Washington State Liquor Control Board ("WSLCB") is
9 tasked with establishing rules and procedures to implement I-502 and determining
10 a "maximum number of retail outlets that may be licensed in each county," and

11 WHEREAS, according to the WSLCB's timeline, the rules became effective
12 on November 16, 2013, and the state began accepting applications for all license
13 types on November 18, 2013, and

14 WHEREAS, on November 5, 2013, the City Council adopted Substitute
15 Ordinance No. 28182, and enacted the interim land use regulations concerning the
16 production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana, effective for one
17 year from November 17, 2013, to November 16, 2014, and

18 WHEREAS the interim regulations were intended to provide policy and
19 regulatory guidance to facilitate the review, in a proactive and timely manner, of
20 those marijuana license applications within the City limits that were expected to
21 come forward starting December 2013, and
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1 WHEREAS the interim regulations were also intended to provide adequate
2 time for the City to evaluate the operations and impacts of the licensed marijuana
3 businesses and allow the state to rectify the outstanding problems with the
4 existing, largely unregulated medical marijuana system before deliberating on a
5 permanent local regulatory resolution, and
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7 WHEREAS the WSLCB did not begin issuing marijuana production and
8 processing licenses until March 2014, and marijuana retailing licenses until July
9 2014, and as of early September 2014, only two production/processing licenses
10 and three retail licenses within Tacoma have been issued, and
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12 WHEREAS, while the state legislature deliberated regarding potential
13 changes to address the medical marijuana industry in 2014, they have not as yet
14 adopt any changes, and
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16 WHEREAS, considering the fledgling stage of recreational marijuana
17 licensing and operation within the City, the unresolved issues regarding medical
18 marijuana at the state level, and the unresolved conflict between Initiative 502 and
19 federal law, it is premature to develop a permanent regulatory solution, and
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21 WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the City to keep the interim regulations
22 in effect upon their expiration in November 2014 and extend the interim land use
23 regulations for a six-month term, to May 16, 2015; Now, Therefore,
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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby extends the interim land use regulations for a six-month term, to May 16, 2015, concerning the production, processing, and retail sale of recreational marijuana.

Passed SEP 30 2014



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

Approved as to form:



City Attorney