Proposed Medical Cannabis
Land Use Regulatory Code Amendment

Tuesday, June 26, 2012, approximately 5:30 pm
City Council Chambers
Tacoma Municipal Building
747 Market Street, 1st Floor

HOW TO PROVIDE COMMENTS
You are welcome to provide oral testimony at the public hearing, and/or submit written comments to the City Clerk’s Office at the return address provided on this notice, or by facsimile at (253) 591-5300.
All written comments must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on June 26, 2012.

Summary of the Proposed Amendment
The proposed amendments to the Land Use Regulatory Code were developed by the Planning Commission to best respond to the directives from City Council contained in the moratorium, Ordinance No. 28010, and to focus on tools to minimize land use compatibility impacts on the community. The proposed amendment includes:

- A zoning framework shall allow for:
  a. a commercial-like medical cannabis “network member distribution center” use to be allowed in all non-residential zones, with the exception of the T Transitional Commercial District and the NRX Neighborhood Residential Mixed-Use District, RCX Residential Commercial Mixed-Use District and URX Urban Residential Mixed-Use District zones, which feature greater residential character;
  b. an industrial-like medical cannabis “collective garden” use to be allowed in the M-1 Light Industrial District, M-2 Heavy Industrial District, PMI Port Maritime Industrial District, UCX-TD Urban Commercial Mixed-Use – Tacoma Dome District, CIX Commercial Industrial Mixed-Use District, DCC Downtown Commercial Core District, DMU Downtown Mixed-Use District, and WR Warehouse Residential District zones.

- 1,000-foot sensitive use buffers shall be applied to public and private schools, daycares and religious facilities.

- Size limitations for medical cannabis “network member distribution centers” ranging from 500 to 2,000 square feet (s.f.), or 1, 500 s.f. within a 3,000 s.f. maximum space when co-located with other uses associated with health and wellness;

- Limitations of no more than six collective gardens allowed to co-locate on a single site;

- Signage shall not exceed 7.5 s.f. and shall not be of any dimension greater than 36”.

Additional Information
The complete text of the proposed amendments, the Planning Commission’s Findings and Recommendations Report, and other background information, are available from the Community and Economic Development Department, 747 Market Street, Room 1036, and on the Long-Range Planning Division’s website at www.cityoftacoma.org/planning (and click on “Medical Cannabis Moratorium”). Staff Contact: Lucas Shadduck, Planner, (253) 594-7975, lshadduck@cityoftacoma.org.

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