

Marijuana Code Amendments

City of Tacoma

Planning & Development Services Department

City Council Public Hearing

April 26, 2016



Background

- Recent State Regulatory History
- Cannabis Patient Protection Act
- Recent Local Regulatory History
- Current Situation in Tacoma



Zoning Code Amendments

Key Issues:

- **Cap on Retail Stores (Maximum Number)**
- **Buffers from Retail Stores**
- **Dispersion between Retail Stores**
- **Medical Endorsement**
- **Medical Cooperatives**



Nuisance Code Amendments

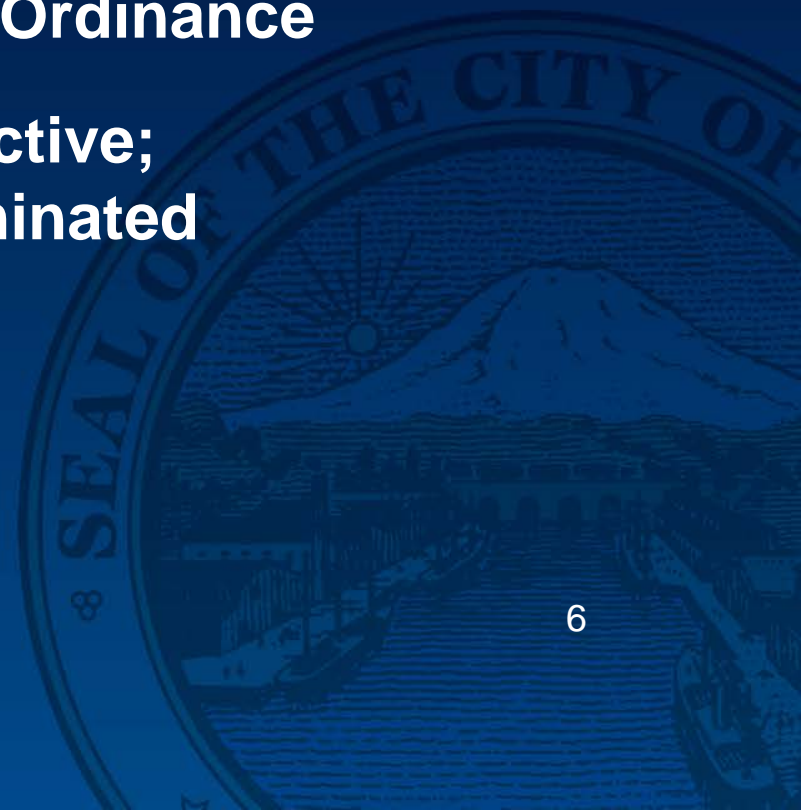
- **Companion amendments to the Nuisance Code**
(TMC 8.30)
- **Removes references to collective gardens**
- **Maintains current provisions to help with enforcement of public nuisance issues**
 - **Unlicensed operators**
 - **Public smoking or ingesting**
 - **Odor**
 - **Operating inconsistent with other state or local standards**

Zoning Recommendations

	Existing Regulations	Staff Recommendations	Planning Commission Recommendations
Cap	No cap	Cap at 16 <i>(current State cap for Tacoma)</i>	No local cap
Buffers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000-feet for schools and playgrounds <i>(per State law, this cannot be modified)</i> • 1,000-feet for other sensitive uses (parks, child care, rec. centers, libraries, game arcades, transit centers, correctional facilities, and rehab centers) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000-feet for schools and playgrounds • 100-feet for transit centers citywide • 500-feet for other sensitive uses within the Downtown • 1,000-feet for other sensitive uses elsewhere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000-feet for schools and playgrounds • 100-feet for transit centers citywide • 500-feet for other sensitive uses citywide
Dispersion	Not required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500-feet in Downtown • 1,000-feet elsewhere 	Not required
Medical Endorsement	Not currently addressed <i>(Newly established in state law)</i>	50% of retail stores are required to have State medical endorsement	100% of retail stores required to have State medical endorsement
Cooperatives	Not currently addressed <i>(Newly established in state law)</i>	Allow Cooperatives, with standard State buffers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-mile from retailers <i>(per State law, this cannot be modified)</i> • 1,000-feet from sensitive uses 	Allow Cooperatives, with reduced buffers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-mile from retailers • 1,000-feet for schools and playgrounds • 100-feet for other sensitive uses

Next Steps

- **May 3** Study Session
- **May 10** First Reading of Ordinance
- **May 24** Final Reading of Ordinance
- **June 5** Regulations Effective;
Moratorium Terminated



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