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

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<th>Staff Recommendations</th>
<th>Planning Commission Recommendations</th>
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<td>Cap</td>
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<td>Cap at 16 (current State cap for Tacoma)</td>
<td>No local cap</td>
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<td>Buffers</td>
<td>1,000-feet for schools and playgrounds (<em>per State law, this cannot be modified</em>) 1,000-feet for other sensitive uses (parks, child care, rec. centers, libraries, game arcades, transit centers, correctional facilities, and rehab centers)</td>
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<td>Dispersion</td>
<td>Not required</td>
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<td>Medical Endorsement</td>
<td>Not currently addressed (Newly established in state law)</td>
<td>50% of retail stores are required to have State medical endorsement</td>
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<td>Cooperatives</td>
<td>Not currently addressed (Newly established in state law)</td>
<td>Allow Cooperatives, with standard State buffers: 1-mile from retailers (<em>per State law, this cannot be modified</em>) 1,000-feet from sensitive uses</td>
<td>Allow Cooperatives, with reduced buffers: 1-mile from retailers 1,000-feet for schools and playgrounds 100-feet for other sensitive uses</td>
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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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