

# Summary of Medical and Adult Use Marijuana Stakeholder Meeting

October 19, 2020 – 9:00 am

Staff began the meeting with introductions and a powerpoint presentation on direction from Mayor and Council from the September 9, 2020 Study Session and current regulations. The following were comments and staff responses during the meeting:

**Comment:** It appears that Mayor and Council were directing staff to address both temporary solutions and more permanent solutions. As a dispensary owner we are not only looking for temporary solutions.

**Staff Response:** We agree that there will need to be more permanent changes to the Unified Development Code (UDC) in response to proposition 207, should it pass, but there are limits to what the temporary measures can address. The more permanent changes would still be required to go through the full legal process. The temporary measures we presented are in line with what our City Attorney has advised us are within our legal rights.

NOTE: the ones presented were the following:

Those currently allowed by our UDC:

1. Curbside Pickup / Delivery
2. Home Delivery
3. Expanded Lobby Size

Those that would be allowed through a proclamation by our Mayor:

1. Temporary utilization of unused space for expanded lobby
2. Temporary utilization of an existing drive through

**Comment:** We tend to be getting ahead of ourselves. I believe we should focus this meeting on just the temporary measures and not the adult-use. That has not been approved by voters yet and the Department of Health Services has several months to set regulations.

**Comment:** The temporary measures presented to the group are not adequate for most – it depends on the location. Allowing to open up a doorway may allow for help, but there are problems related to ASDHS regulations. Related to the single secure entrance for a dispensary.

**Staff Response:** Unfortunately, we are limited to those measures that are only temporary as we presented.

**Comment:** 10 to 15% increase patient growth month over month during COVID. Has created problems. Need to distance both employees and patients.

**Comment:** We need to have the total allowed dispensary size expanded.

**Comment:** Main concern about adult-use is how they are able to have two separate areas for medical and adult-use sales areas. They are different clients and would have limits on what they can purchase.

**Comment:** What is the process going forward in either modifying the development code. Is there a schedule in place to make the changes prior to April.

**Staff Response:** November and December – Public Meetings. January and February for Planning Commission Study Session and Public Hearing. March for the Mayor and Council Public Hearing.

