



# WILDWOOD

May 21, 2019

## MEMORANDUM

To: Planning and Parks Committee Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: **Medical Marijuana Regulations and Direction Therein (Wards – All)**

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor  
Administration and Public Works Committee Members  
Economic Development Committee Members  
Steve Cross, Co-Interim City Administrator  
John A. Young, City Attorney  
Rick Brown, P.E. and P.T.O.E., Director of Public Works  
Kathy Arnett, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks  
Gary Crews, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation

The Planning and Zoning Commission has been considering new regulations relating to the recently authorized allowances for medical marijuana in the State of Missouri. This consideration is part of a larger, complex process the State of Missouri has underway at almost all levels of its government, in response to the passage of Constitutional Amendment #2 by voters in 2018. The action of voters has led to the need for all levels of government in the State to address this matter.

Over the past month, the Commission has been focusing and reviewing items prepared and collected by the City Attorney and the Department of Planning on the State's efforts in this regard, along with other cities in this region, and across the United States. One (1) meeting of the Commission was set aside solely to allow for the Commission Members to ask questions and seek additional information about this new, and controversial subject. Thereafter, the public hearing was held on this matter and opinions and comments sought from the community. The hearing offered several approaches to the range of activities associated with this item.

Important to this discussion is the knowledge the new law allows for a number of forms of activity in association with the allowance for medical marijuana in the State of Missouri. These aspects include the following considerations:

1. **Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facility** - a facility licensed by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services ("DHSS") "to acquire, cultivate, process, store, transport, and sell marijuana to a medical marijuana dispensary facility, medical marijuana testing facility, or to a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility." Mo. Const. Art. XIV, Sec. 1.2(7).

2. **Medical Marijuana Dispensary Facility** - a facility licensed by the Department of Health and Senior Services “to acquire, store, sell, transport, and deliver marijuana, marijuana-infused products, and drug paraphernalia used to administer marijuana as provided for in this section to a qualifying patient, a primary caregiver, another medical marijuana dispensary facility, a medical marijuana testing facility, or a medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility.” Mo. Const. Art. XIV, Sec. 1.2(8).
  
3. **Medical Marijuana-Infused Products Manufacturing Facility** - a facility licensed by the Department of Health and Senior Services “to acquire, store, manufacture, transport, and sell marijuana-infused products to a medical marijuana dispensary facility, a medical marijuana testing facility, or to another medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facility.” Mo. Const. Art. XIV, Sec. 1.2(9).
  
4. **Medical Marijuana Testing Facility** - a facility certified by the Department of Health and Senior Services “to acquire, test, certify, and transport marijuana.” Mo. Const. Art. XIV, Sec. 1.2(10).

The extent of activities is broad and, somewhat unique to Wildwood, given all of them appear to be able to be accommodated here, given its characteristics that include some of the only remaining agricultural land in St. Louis County, industrial zoning in the Wildwood portion of the Chesterfield Valley, and Town Center Area, if the City should chose to allow the broad range of facilities in association with Amendment #2.

The Department is providing this update to the Committee for two (2) purposes. The first purpose is to update the members about this matter, which will be eventually presented to the City Council in late June or early July and, the other purpose, is to solicit its input on this item. The need for this input relates to the importance of the topic and the Department’s desire to provide a reasonable set of regulations for this new industry that appears to offer hope to the individuals suffering from certain chronic illnesses and long-term, and, currently, persistent pain. Accordingly, the Department has prepared a table of the five (5) major areas of the medical marijuana process. The intent of this table to request feedback on these items from each of the Committee members.

Activity	Description	Possible Locations in Wildwood	Opinion
			Yes/No + Other Comments
<b>Cultivation</b>	Grow the plant for manufacture and sale	NU Non-Urban Residence District zoned areas of the City, where agricultural uses are permitted by right	
<b>Manufacturing</b>	Obtain the cultivated plant and process it for sale	M-3 Planned Industrial Districts (Chesterfield Valley Area of Wildwood)	
<b>Testing</b>	Certify product meets State licensing and use requirements and regulations	M-3 Planned Industrial Districts (Chesterfield Valley Area of Wildwood) and Town Center Area	
<b>Transportation</b>	Store and deliver the product to dispensaries	M-3 Planned Industrial Districts (Chesterfield Valley Area of Wildwood) and Town Center Area	

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<b>Dispensary (Public Sales)</b>	Sell the manufactured product to registered and authorized patients	M-3 Planned Industrial Districts (Chesterfield Valley Area of Wildwood) and Town Center Area	

At tonight’s meeting, the Department is seeking the input of the members on these items, as the City Attorney and the Department of Planning prepare the report and recommendation on this matter for the Planning and Zoning Commission’s consideration, and then, City Council review and action. Along with this brief summary, the Department has included some of the background material that has been generated by it for the Planning and Zoning Commission’s review.

If any of the Committee Members should have questions or comments in this regard, or need additional information, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440. A presentation is planned at tonight’s meeting on this matter. Thank you for your consideration of this information and direction on the same.