

**Project Principles for the
Regulation of Recreational Marijuana Producers, Processors, and Retailers
Approved by the Bellevue City Council**

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1. Bellevue Appropriate. Bellevue will establish appropriate land use zones for recreational marijuana producers, processors, and retailers (“recreational marijuana uses”). To the extent permitted, Bellevue will establish performance standards consistent with applicable provisions of Chapter 69.50 RCW and Chapter 314-55 WAC, now or as hereafter amended, that ensure these business represent the community values and goals set forth in the City’s Comprehensive Plan.
2. Neighborhood Character is Protected. Recreational marijuana uses shall not be located in residential land use districts. Recreational marijuana uses shall be separated by 1,000 feet from elementary or secondary schools (public or private), playgrounds, recreation center or facility; child care center; public park; public transit center; library; and game arcade where admission is not restricted to persons age twenty-one or older, or a medical cannabis collective garden. Recreational marijuana use shall use appropriate ventilation to ensure abutting uses or properties are not impacted by odor.
3. Security Measures are Required. Recreational marijuana uses must have sufficient security measures to protect the public. Recreational marijuana uses must conform to state requirements for security and secure usable marijuana consistent with state pharmacy requirements for securing controlled substances.
4. Regulations are Specific and Understandable. The permanent regulations should be specific about the requirements to locate and operate recreational marijuana uses so that qualified licensees understand what is expected under the regulation.
5. Administration and Enforcement is Straightforward. Ensure regulations are capable of being administered and enforced. Development Services and the Bellevue police department should collaborate in matters of approval of license applications and renewals and where appropriate, enforcement.
6. The Outcome is in Conformance with Applicable Law. The establishment and operation of recreational marijuana uses must conform with, and not frustrate, the purpose of state law. Recreational marijuana uses must conform to the applicable requirements of Chapter 69.50 RCW and Chapter 314-55 WAC, now or as hereafter amended.
7. Processing of the Amendment is Inclusive. The code amendment process for recreational marijuana uses should seek and include input from a wide range of stakeholders.