

# Continuing Discussion on Proposed Changes to Marijuana Regulations

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BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL

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# Tonight's Discussion & Direction:

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Staff seeks final policy direction on three topics

1. Marijuana cooperatives
2. Civil penalties and abatement
3. Marijuana research licenses

# Policy questions 1

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- Should the City allow or ban medical marijuana cooperatives in single family residences?
  - Collective gardens: City prohibited in residential neighborhoods
  - Cooperatives: Four patients, max 60 plants, must grow in-home

***May 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Direction: Ban medical marijuana cooperatives***

# Policy question 2:

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- Should the City consider adding civil penalties, abatement authority, for illegally growing or processing medical marijuana in a housing unit?

# Question: Civil Penalties & Abatement Procedures

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- City of Bellevue Code contains civil penalties and abatement procedures
- Would apply only to the growing and possession of medical marijuana
- Provides another tool in the enforcement toolbox
- Currently, no civil enforcement authority
- Enforcement roles coordinated between BPD and Code Compliance
- Code Compliance would elevate enforcement to BPD when appropriate

## ***Council Direction on Civil Penalties:***

***Should the City impose civil penalties and abatement procedures for violations of the medical cannabis act as provided under the Act?***

# Policy question 3:

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- Should the City allow or ban marijuana research as a permitted use?

# Question: Marijuana Research

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- All research uses must be approved by the LCB Scientific Reviewer (project quality, design, value or impact)
- Applicants must have appropriate personnel, expertise, and financing
- Verify amount of marijuana grown is consistent with project
- Licensed researcher may partner with the University of Washington or Washing State University
- Marijuana grown by a licensed research use can only be sold to another research use
- No applications or notices of applications from LCB received

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## Veto Override

- Life Sciences Discovery Fund defunded

## *Now -*

- LCB must select a **scientific reviewer** to conduct the reviews (project quality, design, value, or impact)
- Scientific reviewer: **Expertise in research practice** and methodology to determine if projects meets license criteria and to review any reports submitted by the licensee



# Questions: Marijuana Research License

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## Definition of Marijuana Researcher:

“A person licensed by the state liquor and cannabis board to produce, process, and possess marijuana for the purposes of conducting research on marijuana and marijuana-derived drug products”

May the City require affiliation with UW or WSU? Yes.

## ***Council direction on Marijuana Research Licenses?***

- ***Appropriate for Bellevue?***
- ***If appropriate, locate in the Light Industrial Land Use District?***
- ***Affiliation requirement?***

# Next Steps

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- Staff will return with an interim ordinance on June 20 for Council consideration and action
- Hold requisite public hearing for marijuana interim ordinances on June 20