

Recreational Marijuana Regulations Discussion

September 23, 2013



Current Marijuana Laws

- 2011 - Legislature Legalized Medical Marijuana Dispensaries (Collective Gardens)
- Nov. 2012 - Initiative 502 legalized recreational marijuana
- 2013 Legislative Session
 - No action to address two separate Marijuana laws
 - Requested recommendations to amend Collective Gardens laws for consideration during 2014 Legislative Session



Initiative-502

- Legalized personal possession and recreational use
- Decriminalizes the production, distribution, sale and possession of marijuana to those 21 and over
- Authorizes Liquor Control Board (LCB) to develop rules and tax

LCB Implementation Timeline

- Nov 18th - LCB accepting licensing applications
- Dec. 1st - LCB rules effective
- Dec 18th – LCB begins issuing licenses
- June 2014 – estimated retail establishments opening

Recreational vs. Medical

- Recreational:
 - Highly regulated, taxed, includes land use restrictions, 21 & over
 - LCB does background checks, enforcement
 - LCB tentatively designated two (2) retail outlets for Shoreline
- Medical:
 - Shoreline regulates
 - Presently six (6) operating in Shoreline
 - Functionally operate as a retail business, but without regulation



Policy Issues

- Should potential new retail operations be separated similar to Collective Gardens?
- Since CG's will continue, should the City prohibit CG's or wait for Legislature to act?

Options

- Option 1 – Wait for Legislature to act
- Option 2 – Amend current CG regulations to strictly enforce membership requirements
- Option 3 – Repeal existing CG licensing and land use requirements effective July 1, 2014

Next Steps

- Planning Commission
 - October 3rd Potential Code Amendment Discussion
 - October 18th – Public Hearing
- Council Action – November 18th