Proposal for Cannabis Review & Implementation Task Force Committee

Purpose

To make policy proposals in relation to the legalization of cannabis, including on zoning for cannabis businesses, on premises use, and taxation.

Not a replacement for conversations with constituents, other council members, or staff.

Task Force

- 10 committee members proposed
 - o 2 council members
 - o 2 law enforcement
 - 2 business owners/ prospective business owners
 - 1 addiction specialist
 - 3 community representatives

Timeline

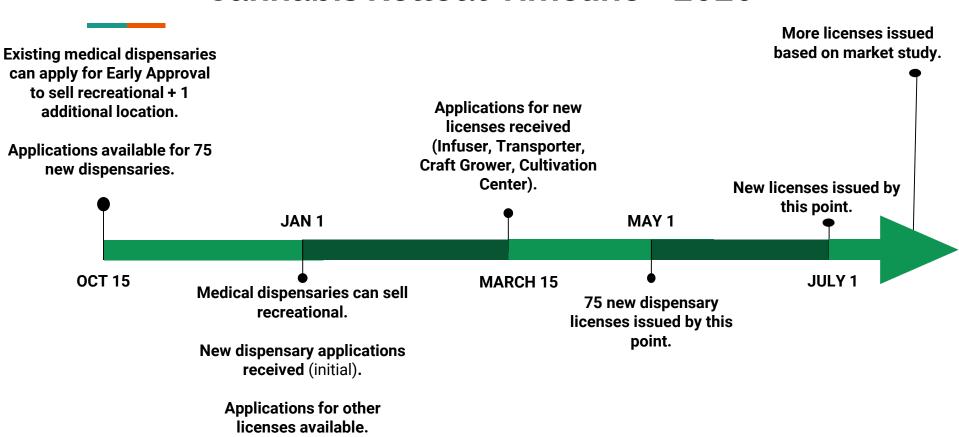
- Appointment of members ASAP
- October 21st committee of the whole report & presentation on primary issues*
- Continuation into secondary and tertiary issues

Could be reduced to 1, if no interest or strong desire for an odd number.

Cannabis Regulation & Tax Act

- 21+ residents may possess up to 30 gs for personal use (half for visitors)
- Home cultivation (5 plants) for medical patients
- Clemency & Expungement of cannabis-related offenses
- Multiple types of licenses for Cannabis Businesses Establishments
- Pilot Training Programs at Community Colleges
- Social Equity Program priority on applications, access to cannabis business development fund, 3R Program (Restore, Reinvest & Renew)
- Public consumption prohibited (possible exception of on-site consumption)
- Consumption restricted similarly to alcohol

Cannabis Rollout Timeline - 2020



Primary Questions

- 1. Should the city allow or prohibit cannabis business establishments in the city?
- 2. How should the city regulate the time, manner & place of cannabis business establishment operations through permits?
- 3. What should our local tax rate be (up to 3 in increments of .25%), and should this tax be earmarked for any specific type of project?
- 4. Should the city allow on-site consumption at cannabis businesses (cannabis cafes)?

Secondary and Tertiary Questions

- How do we best create a business friendly environment for this new industry (or not)?
- How should our internal drug testing policy be amended in relation to this new law?
- Do we want to seek to be a site for pilot training program?
- How can the city best support local social equity applicants and community groups that apply for 3R funding?
- How do we manage illegal public consumption?
- How will law enforcement differentiate between medical patients and recreational users?

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