

MEMO

TO: Lewis County Planning Commission
FROM: Lee Napier, Director of Lewis County Community Development
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DATE: July 29, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting
RE: Lewis County PC Workshop 2 on Zoning for Recreational Marijuana

Meeting Agenda

Beginning at the July 29, 2014 meeting, Planning Commission members will begin having a discussion on the potential land use impacts of recreational marijuana production, processing, and retailing in Lewis County. Planning consultant John Kliem will help facilitate the discussion that will include following questions:

- Should the county confine the production, processing, and retailing of marijuana to specific zoning districts? If so, what type(s) of zoning districts would the county deem most appropriate and why?
- Are there other uses beyond those listed under WAC 314-55-050 (10) that should meet the minimum 1,000-foot distance requirement? (Schools, playgrounds, recreation center or facility, child care center, public park, public transit center, library, or arcade not restricted to people 21 and older)
- Should the county require special setbacks or minimum lot sizes for the production, processing, and retailing of marijuana? What is the reasoning behind making these requirements?
- How concentrated should production, processing, and retailing of marijuana facilities be within an area? What are the pros and cons of doing so?
- Do you envision potential impacts to adjacent properties from the following issues?
 1. Lighting, including those associated with indoor/outdoor growing and security
 2. Availability of adequate power supply
 3. Odor
 4. Aquifer drawdown from wells used for irrigation or processing

5. Response time related to public safety (sheriff, local fire departments)
6. Disposal of sewage
7. Traffic and access
8. Hours of operation
9. Size limits
10. Pest control
11. Other Impacts?

Reading Material:

John has provided four articles from the internet that help provide some context for you on these potential issues.

1. Medical Marijuana Meets Zoning: Can You Grow, Sell, and Smoke that Here?
Note: while this discussion focuses on medical marijuana, some of the impacts relate to recreational marijuana as well.
2. Spokane Valley weighs easing marijuana zoning law – The Spokesman-Review.
3. Draft Kitsap County Ordinance on Marijuana Regulations.
4. Environmental Risks and Opportunities in Cannabis Cultivation.

We have also included Lewis County's code language about Collective Medicinal Cannabis Gardens for your reading.