

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 20, 2019 @ 3:00 PM

Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

1.) Call the meeting to order

Chairperson - Debbie Willis called the meeting to order at 3:00pm

2.) Roll Call: Debby Willis; Clare Marron; Lester Young; Louis Sigel; Kris McNeill - CEO/Assistant Planner

Also in attendance: Cynthia Burnham Admin. Assist. For Planning & Economic Development; Mark Eyerman, Planner

3.) Mark Eyerman reviewed attachment (a) Medical and Adult-Use Marijuana Facilities – memo

Discussions

- Export rules were discussed by the Committee and Mark Eyerman was not sure of the rules surrounding exports outside of the State of Maine.
- The Committee had some concerns about speculators taking up spaces that may otherwise be used for other business. – (This has been a problem in the Greater Portland area.)
- The Committee reviewed tier fees and the possibility of limiting Gardiner to tier 3 & 4 or making the fees the same for tier 1 & 2 as they are for tiers 3 or 4. Mark Eyerman reminded the Committee that whatever fees that the City adopts they would need to be realistic.
- Concerns about young children accidentally getting a hold of sweet treats baked with marijuana was expressed as that had been a problem in other states that allow marijuana use.
- The Committee expressed concerns with quality control over the chemical testing for pesticides. It was noted that FDA testing is not available only private testing.

Mark Eyerman advised the Committee that packaging and labeling requirements do exist.

- The Committee discussed potency concerns over the CBD oils and may want more information about this.
- The Committee noted the electrical needs for marijuana facilities.
- Mark Eyerman informed the committee that big chain marijuana providers have already scouted Maine and know where they want to be.
- Mark Eyerman requested that Committee members stop at the local supermarkets and check where the craft beers are made. If you see that they are made in Colorado, you will know that they are made by the big guys and not just a small craft beer maker.

4.) The meeting date of 6/17/2019 was agreed upon by the Committee members.

5.) Adjourn

Lester Young moved to adjourn.

Clair Marion seconded.

Chairperson Debbie Willis asked for any further discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor. Unanimous. 5-0-0

Adjourned - 4:40 pm