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**From:** Bartley, Landon  
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**To:** Bartley, Landon  
**Subject:** Marijuana in Grand Rapids - April 12 update  
**Attachments:** Administrative Policy 19-02.pdf

Good afternoon,

I'm including you on this email because you have contacted me or another Planning staff member at some point about medical marijuana in Grand Rapids. If you no longer want to be on this list, please respond to let me know. If there are others that you think might want to be on the list, please forward this to them and have them contact me directly with questions or to be added to the list. Thank you.

I'm writing to you today with two items, mostly about the upcoming draw:

#1 Don't forget – **the draw has been rescheduled to April 26, 2019 at 2 pm**. It will take place in the Public Hearing Room on the second floor of 1120 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids MI 49503, and will also be livestreamed on the [City's Facebook page](#). We will open the room approximately one hour prior to the start of the draw so interested parties can inspect the equipment and tokens used for the actual draw. Also, there have been rumors that Grand Rapids is no longer accepting applications. That is not the case. We continue to accept applications, but those applications received after 4:00 pm on March 15 will simply be placed for consideration after those that were in the draw. This also applies to applications submitted prior to that time, if we found them to be incomplete (after a chance to correct deficiencies).

#2 Along those lines, please review the attached policy. Much of the information in the policy will not come as a surprise, but we determined that it would be best to gather all information about the upcoming draw, the acceptance and review process, MIVEDA claims, fees and refunds, and scheduling for the Planning Commission, all into one document. This document will also be posted online at <https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/Government/Programs-and-Initiatives/Medical-Marijuana/Resources>.

Things that are new or different in the policy:

- **We will be publishing verified MIVEDA commitments** after all, in the table on [the City's marijuana webpage](#). I have received several inquiries about this, and up until now we did not believe that would be an option. We will be publishing this information at least 18 hours prior to the draw, but will aim to publish this information as early as possible, to give applicants additional time and information with which to consider how other applications could potentially affect theirs.
- Guidelines for disputing the verification of MIVEDA commitments. Section II.D.2.d. of the Policy allows for a procedure for staff to identify issues with claimed commitments, and for applicants to respond. Section II.E.2. allows for applicants to dispute or correct information concerning their own application. There is no method available to dispute another applicant's claims or verified commitments.
- A slight modification to the refund policy for application fees. If staff has not reviewed an application for completeness and the applicant chooses to withdraw, we can refund 80% of the application fee. If the withdrawal is requested between the staff completeness review and noon on the date of the draw, a 60% refund can be issued. After the draw but prior to the public notice for a particular case, 20% of the fee can be issued. After the public notice is published/mailed, no refund is available.

I recognize that the content of my email updates tends to be geared towards current or prospective applicants, which many recipients are not. Especially in this light, I appreciate your patience as we continue to work through this initial application and review process, and hope that you find these updates to be helpful. Please remember that all past

update emails can be found at <https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/Government/Programs-and-Initiatives/Medical-Marijuana/Contacts>. As always, I appreciate your continued comments and questions, but please continue to check [the City's marijuana webpage](#) for information.

Best wishes,

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