

## Bartley, Landon

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**From:** Bartley, Landon  
**Sent:** Monday, July 30, 2018 1:54 PM  
**To:** Bartley, Landon  
**Subject:** The latest from Grand Rapids re medical marihuana

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. 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. Thank you.

My guess is that most of you have already visited our Medical Marihuana web page at <https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/MedicalMarihuana>. If you have not done so yet, I would recommend doing so.

Following our City Commission's vote last Tuesday night to adopt an ordinance, I and other Planning Department staff have been overwhelmed with calls (146, to be exact), emails (36), and calls to the counter (25). This is fine; our jobs include responding to questions like this... but we simply have not been able to keep up. For that, I apologize, and I hope that the information on the web page will help to address your questions. We recognize and respect that time is of the essence for those of you this industry right now, and our inability to respond as quickly as we would like is not meant to cause any delays for you.

On the [webpage](#), you can find the ordinance as adopted, a general map of locations of potentially suitable properties for medical marihuana facilities, videos and minutes from public hearings, our data compendium (in the "ordinance background" section, and much more.

As of late Friday afternoon, we also posted:

- an address list of the actual parcels that we **believe** are **potentially** suitable (applicants are ultimately responsible for confirming required separation distances, etc.),
- GIS shapefiles that we used for mapping (additional software required),
- an online mapping system to help identify potentially suitable parcels as well as the sensitive land uses that will require a separation distance. If you find a discrepancy with some part of the map, please let us know and we will review it on a case-by-case basis.

What we hope to have online **soon** are:

- The application that will be used in association with the Special Land Use application, which we can begin accepting on November 1, 2018,
- A how-to guide for sourcing data and measuring separation distances,
- A guide for queuing once we get very close to the November 1 application start date.

Finally, I will be hosting a **practitioner workshop** at Grand Rapids City Hall next **Friday, August 10, 2018** beginning at **1:00 PM** and running roughly 2 hours. During the workshop I will review the ordinance; due diligence methods; the draft application, procedures, and timeline; Q&A, etc. We will livestream the workshop on [Facebook](#) and YouTube – links will be posted on the [webpage](#) and on [the City's Facebook page](#). You are welcome to come to the meeting or view the livestream. The workshop will be at City Commission Chambers, which is on the 9th floor of City Hall. City Hall is at [300 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids MI 49503](#). Pay parking is available below City Hall in the Government Center garage, or at meters on nearby streets. **If you plan to attend in person, please email me directly to let me know, so we have an idea of how many people to expect.**

I hope this helps. Please continue to contact us with questions if you are unable to find the information you need on our webpage.

Best wishes,

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