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Subject: Medical Marihuana in Grand Rapids - November 30 Update

Good afternoon,

I'm including you on this email because you have contacted me or another Planning staff member at some point about medical marihuana. 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 emailing you today with updates on several topics. I hope you find this to be helpful.

Ordinance Amendments

The Planning Commission reviewed and approved several amendments to the marihuana section of the Zoning Ordinance on November 8. The City Commission will be **reviewing** these amendments at their meeting **next Tuesday, December 4**, but will **not** be voting on the amendments at that time. A **vote** will most likely take place on **December 18** instead.

Information on the amendments can be viewed online at http://grandrapidscitymi.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=4574. The amendments are [Item IX.D.3](#) on the agenda. Public comment may be taken during the meeting that evening, and also during the evening meeting on December 18. We do **not** expect a public hearing at either meeting, but you can attend or view the Commission's discussion during their Committee of the Whole meeting at 9:30 AM that day, and also attend or view further discussion and the vote during the evening meeting, at 7:00 PM. These meetings will be livestreamed on the City's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CityofGrandRapids/>). Public comment can be given towards the beginning of the evening meeting, during the "Public Comments on Agenda Items" item (V.1.). If you would like to email comments to the City Commission about the proposed amendments, please do so via the City Clerk's office at cityclerk@grcity.us.

MIVEDA and other policies

Many of you have been asking me about the MIVEDA (Marihuana Industry Voluntary Equitable Development Agreement). The City Commission will discuss the MIVEDA ([Agenda item IX.D.5](#)) and park separation distance waiver policy ([Agenda item IX.D.4](#)) at their Committee of the Whole meeting at 9:30 AM next Tuesday, December 4, and will very likely vote on both policies at the evening meeting. Comments on either policy should be made via email at cityclerk@grcity.us or in person towards the beginning of the evening meeting, during the "Public Comments on Agenda Items" item (V.1.).

Timeline for Applications

We expect to have an effective date and a date to begin accepting applications once the ordinance amendments are adopted. Our best guess is that the first date to begin accepting applications for most license types will be in March 2019. However, we cannot be sure of this date until the ordinance is adopted. I will definitely continue to update you as we have more concrete information.

Recreational Marihuana

We have prepared an FAQ document about recreational marihuana, which is available near the top of our medical marihuana webpage (<https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/MedicalMarihuana>). The City Commission has not yet indicated how they intend to proceed, and has expressed an interest in focusing on the medical marihuana ordinance prior to entertaining any question of taking action on recreational.

Practitioner Workshop

We will host another workshop focused on practitioners on **Thursday, January 3, 2019, beginning at 1:00 PM**. The workshop will be located in **City Commission Chambers on the 9th floor of City Hall**, like the previous workshop. City Hall is located at **300 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids MI 49503**, with paid garage parking available in the Government Center garage beneath the building. I expect the workshop to last roughly 2 hours, and will address the ordinance, the MIVEDA, application process and timeline, and other policies, leaving time for questions. The workshop is free to attend and will also be livestreamed on [the City's Facebook page](#). **Please let me know by email if you intend to come to the workshop so I have an idea of how many to expect, and if you have any particular questions so I can be sure to address those.** Thank you in advance for your assistance in this regard.

As always, I appreciate your ongoing comments and questions, and encourage you to continue to visit [the City's medical marijuana webpage](#) first. Thank you, and I hope you have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

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