




MEMORANDUM

TO: Nancy Ridley
City Manager

CC: William R. Mrdeza
Director of Community Services and Economic Development

FROM: Jacob Kain, AICP 
City Planner

DATE: November 6, 2017

SUBJECT: Regulation of medical marihuana facilities

The Planning Commission held a work session to discuss the regulation of medical marihuana facilities following their November 2, 2017 regular meeting. Below is a summation of the discussion topics and general feedback.

1. Should distance buffers be implemented for medical marihuana facilities from sensitive land uses? If so, what uses should be buffered and at what distance?
The general consensus that provisioning centers should not be permitted at locations adjacent to K-12 schools or licensed daycare centers. The Planning Commission did not support any distance limitations related to Central Michigan University, parks, churches, single-family residential properties, or other land uses. There was not support to implement buffers from the other four medical marihuana facility types.
2. In what areas of the City should provisioning centers be permitted? In particular, given the expanded opportunity area for commercial uses under the proposed zoning ordinance and map, within what areas should provisioning centers be permitted?
There was not concern regarding the expanded commercial opportunity under the City's proposed zoning map and the potential location of provisioning centers. The general consensus was that the special use permit review process would provide sufficient opportunity to ensure a proposed provisioning center location fit within its context.
3. Are there any other comments or concerns on the proposed regulations suggested by the City Commission at this time?
The Planning Commission generally supported the regulatory parameters established by the City Commission during their prior work sessions with the exceptions noted above.

REQUESTED ACTION:

The City Commission receive the Planning Commission feedback on the regulation of medical marihuana facilities.