



Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: October 7, 2019

Re: Specific Public Health Ordinances Regarding Medical Marijuana

Executive Summary

City Council recently adopted medical marijuana business licensing and zoning ordinances. In addition to these measures, Public Health and Human Services is requesting City Council approval to explore additional ordinance revisions regarding public health protections and medical marijuana.

Discussion

Public Health and Human Services has reviewed medical marijuana ordinances from other jurisdictions across the nation. Many of these ordinances include public health measures to protect the public, specifically youth, from potential negative community health outcomes regarding medical marijuana. PHHS requests approval to draft an ordinance for Council consideration. Specifically, the ordinance would address warning labels, packaging, advertising, clean indoor air, and age standards for dispensary entry (for those without a medical marijuana card). The ordinance would align with what other jurisdictions have implemented across the country, and would have a focus on protecting the most vulnerable citizens of Columbia, especially our youth. The standards will not conflict with the Missouri Constitutional amendment establishing medical marijuana, nor will they conflict with state regulations around medical marijuana.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None

Long-Term Impact: None

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Public Safety, Secondary Impact: Social Equity, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Legislative History

Date	Action
6/3/19	Council passed zoning ordinances regarding medical marijuana.
8/19/19	Council passed business licensing ordinances regarding medical marijuana.

Suggested Council Action

Staff requests Council acceptance of this report and direction to staff on pursuing ordinance changes to Chapter 11 regarding medical marijuana.