



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Land Use and Planning

Item: "Title 5 Amendments: Cannabis Business Standards" White Paper

Date: February 2, 2022

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Prepared by: Community Planning, Development & Innovation

Ward(s) Affected:

☐ Ward 1	☐ Ward 4
☐ Ward 2	☐ Ward 5
☐ Ward 3	☐ Ward 6
☒ All Wards	☐ N/A

Action Required:

Approval of the recommended motion

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Direct Community Planning, Development, and Innovation Staff to prepare an ordinance amending Title 5, the City of Missoula's Business Licenses and Regulations Ordinance, in alignment with the presented "Title 5 Amendments: Cannabis Business Standards" white paper and set public hearing process with a April 4, 2022, public hearing at City Council.

Timeline:

Referral to committee (LUP):	February 7, 2022
Committee discussion:	February 9, 2022
Council action (or sets hearing):	February 14, 2022
Public Hearing (if required):	April 4, 2022
Deadline:	Click or tap here to enter text.

Background:

In May 2021 the Montana State Legislature passed House Bill 701 (HB-701) in response to the citizen-initiated legalization of recreational cannabis. In November 2021 the Missoula City Council approved an ordinance generally amending Title 20 Zoning Code to accommodate the State's newly introduced and amended cannabis business types. During the public process for the Title 20 amendments, the Missoula Consolidated Planning Board and City Council expressed interest in regulating energy consumption at cannabis cultivation operations. On November 29, 2021, City Council voted to direct staff in the Community Planning, Development and Innovation Department to begin amendments to Title 5, the Business Licenses and Regulations Code, to address and mitigate the impacts of high energy consumption at cultivation operations. Staff has prepared a white paper detailing staff research and recommended approaches to regulating energy consumed by cannabis cultivators in the City of Missoula.