

CITY OF MARYSVILLE
MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACT SHEET AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHAT DO THE CITY'S NEW ORDINANCES DO?

One ordinance regulates the cultivation of marijuana (cannabis) for *any* purpose, the other regulates the dispensing of cannabis *for medicinal purposes*, under the state's new "Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act" signed by the Governor in October 2015.

2. WHAT DO THE CITY'S NEW ORDINANCES ALLOW?

They allow up to 2 medical marijuana dispensaries to be licensed and located inside the city limits, and these dispensaries may (but are not required to) also be licensed to grow cannabis for sale at those dispensaries to authorized patients or their caregivers, if grown inside the dispensary buildings themselves.

3. WHAT IS NOT ALLOWED BY THE CITY'S NEW ORDINANCES?

Recreational use of marijuana and home cultivation of cannabis are not allowed. Also prohibited is the delivery of medical marijuana to an end user in Marysville, except by the user's primary caregiver who has the authority to purchase cannabis on the user's behalf.

4. WHEN DO THESE ORDINANCES GO INTO EFFECT?

The ordinances were passed by the City Council on January 19, 2016 and go into effect 30 days later, on February 18, 2016.

5. DO THE CITY'S NEW ORDINANCES LEGALIZE RECREATIONAL USE OF MARIJUANA?

No. Recreational use of marijuana is illegal in California, and these ordinances apply only to medical use of marijuana, if recommended by a patient's physician.

6. WILL INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTS BE ALLOWED TO GROW THEIR OWN MARIJUANA IF THEY QUALIFY AS PATIENTS TO RECEIVE MEDICAL MARIJUANA UNDER A DOCTOR'S RECOMMENDATION?

No. Cultivation of marijuana is prohibited everywhere within the city limits, except indoors at the 2 licensed dispensaries. Cultivation of marijuana outdoors by anyone, anywhere in the City is strictly prohibited.

7. WILL QUALIFIED PATIENTS BE ABLE TO CALL A DISPENSARY FOR DELIVERY TO THEIR HOMES?

No. Delivery of marijuana by the dispensary or a delivery service to an end user in Marysville is strictly prohibited. Qualified patients or their authorized primary caregivers 18 years of age or older must appear in person at the licensed dispensary with a physician's recommendation to be able to purchase cannabis for medical purposes.

8. WHO CAN OPEN A MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY UNDER THE NEW ORDINANCES?

Anyone can apply for one of the two dispensary licenses that the ordinance allows, but everyone who applies will be required to be fingerprinted and undergo a thorough financial and criminal background investigation conducted by the Police Department. Also, after the granting of a license by the City, the proposed building that will house the dispensary will be required to get a conditional use permit through the Planning Commission and meet many security protections described in the ordinance.

9. HOW DOES SOMEONE APPLY TO GET ONE OF THE TWO DISPENSARY LICENSES?

Once the ordinances go into effect and the application fees have been determined, interested businesses and individuals will be able to file license applications at the Marysville Police Department and pay a nonrefundable application fee at that time. The application fee has not yet been set, but it could potentially be \$10,000 or more to cover fingerprinting, police background investigations, building and security inspections, planning commission review and legal costs. Those applicants that successfully clear that initial screening process will be eligible to participate in an auction process for the right to receive the two licenses. No date has yet been set for the auction. In addition to the dispensary license, a City business license will also be required.

10. CAN SOMEONE APPLY FOR A DISPENSARY LICENSE WITHOUT HAVING A BUILDING LOCATION?

No. The initial application process includes a complete and full investigation of the proposed place of business for safety and security, as well as zoning compliance.

11. HOW LONG ARE THE DISPENSARY LICENSES VALID?

Each license will be valid for one year and can be renewed annually upon payment of a renewal fee (yet to be set by City Council). However, a license may be suspended or revoked at any time if the Chief of Police determines that the dispensary fails to operate within the conditions of the license.

12. CAN A DISPENSARY LICENSE BE SOLD OR TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS?

A dispensary license cannot be sold, but it can be transferred upon successful completion of the same application process and police background investigations required of a new licensee.

13. WHERE CAN I GET COPIES OF THE CITY'S NEW ORDINANCES REGULATING MARIJUANA?

Both ordinances can be viewed and downloaded free of charge from the City's website (www.marysville.ca.us). Printed copies of the ordinances are also available in City Hall at the office of the City Clerk for a copying fee of \$5.75.