

Planning Department

March 03, 2021

Honorable Mayor and Councilors
 City Manager
 City Attorney
 Clerk of Council

This application comes at the request of the Columbus Consolidated Government.

Subject: (REZN-01-21-3244) Request to amend the text of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for several updates to read as follows:

**UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE REVISIONS
 (Explanation of Revisions)**

1. Explanation of Revisions: Amend Table 3.1.1. by permitting the following uses in the in the following districts:

Use Category	H I S T	R E 10	R E 5	R E 1	R T	S R 1	S R 2	S R 3	S R 4	R M 1	R M 2	M H P	U P T	C R D	N C	R O	C O	G C	S A C	L M I	H M I	T E C H	N O T E S	
Commercial																								
Medical Cannabis Dispensary												P	P	P				P						
Manufacturing and Industrial																								
Indoor Cannabis Grow Facilities																					P	P		

All legal cannabis-related activity oversight falls under the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission (GMCC). The GMCC and their partners (GBI, UGA, National

Institute on Drug Abuse, etc.) oversee ALL aspects of medical cannabis growth and distribution for the state of Georgia.

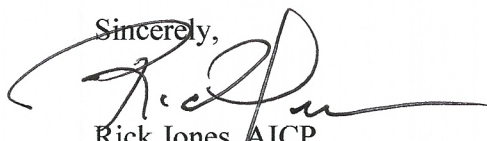
2. Explanation of Revisions: Amend Chapter 13 – Definitions by adding a definition for Medical Cannabis Dispensary and Indoor Cannabis Grow Facility:

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE	PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGE
<p>Chapter 13 - Definitions.</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>Chapter 13 – Definitions.</p> <p><i>Medical Cannabis Dispensary.</i> A facility permitted by the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission to sell low THC oil to registered patients by a dispensing license.</p> <p><i>Indoor Cannabis Grow Facility.</i> A facility permitted by the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission to produce and manufacture low THC oil issued pursuant to OCGA Section 16-12-211 (Class 1) and OCGA Section 16-12-212 (Class 2).</p>

Recommendations:

The Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) considered this text amendment at their meeting on February 17, 2021. PAC recommended **approval** by a vote of 8-0.

The Planning Department recommends **approval**.

Sincerely,

 Rick Jones, AICP
 Director, Planning Department