



CITY OF HARTFORD

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August 28, 2023
Department: Administration
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Agenda Title: Marijuana Ordinance Amendment

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

After discussing the City's current Marijuana Ordinance with Attorney Curcio, it is our opinion that the City's ordinance should be updated. The current ordinance places several subjective review factors on the City Manager. The Attorney's suggestion is that the City's review be objective and utilizes the State of Michigan's process for evaluation rather than the City Manager's opinion.

Therefore, I have asked the Attorney to draft a revision for the Council's review. Attorney Curcio would like Council's insight as to whether the City would like to continue having numerical limits on the number of licenses. Doing so makes the process more complicated and several of his clients have moved away from numerical limits to spacing requirements. The spacing requirements effectively limit the number of licenses without providing hard caps.

I recommend following Attorney Curcio's recommendation in moving to spacing rather than numerical limits.