

**MARIJUANA REGULATIONS CONVERSATION**  
*Comments Received*

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2020**

I don't know if there will be a public comment period or if this hearing is it. On proposals that are being considered, but I did want to reach out and just express my support for the historic ordinances that have existed, as well as significant concern over potential changes. I could understand being more liberal with regard to industrial zones, but continuing the restrictions around schools and other institutions seems very prudent. I recognize there are likely significant tax implications of maintaining the existing ordinances, however it has been point of pride for me that Tualatin doesn't look like all the towns on the coast. We are a family-centered community and maintaining existing ordinances is critical to sustaining that identity.

Thank you for the consideration,  
Melissa Evers-Hood

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

Please consider this a public comment/question ahead of tomorrow's city public meeting on this.

I don't find myself persuaded on the argument I have heard from some of the city councilors around this being a revenue booster for the city. I do not think this would be good for the city. Making it easier for people to access a federally controlled substance is not in the best interest of the community.

I would really encourage the city council to review studies by researchers from University of Denver ( as published in Justice Quarterly) which found neighborhoods with one or more medical or recreational dispensaries saw increased crime rates that were between 26 and 1,452 percent higher than in neighborhoods without any commercial marijuana activity. In the same way Jiggles for years brought in revenue to the city, it was a stain on the city's reputation and not for the betterment of the community.

Given this research, how do you defend to families in the community these kinds of risky proposed changes?

Anthony Warren  
Tualatin resident, father and Tualatin Parks Advisory Committee Member

My comments/plea:

Please do not reduce the distance. It is already terrible having to smell this disgusting drug in our parks and other public spaces as it is.

If people want to do this in their own home, fine, but I and the rest of the general public should not be subject to this.

Do not forfeit public health in public spaces for money from a pot shop.

Thank you,  
Niklas Warren  
Resident of Tualatin

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2020**

I want to voice that I am STRONGLY against changing the distance regulations. If these stores must be in Tualatin there are plenty of places they can be that are not close to places I go with my children.

Holly Cuperus

Please do pass this along as well -- just because you can (in accordance with state law) does not mean you should.

Local governments have the power to implement zoning controls as is beneficial to the community, and Tualatin does not need the pot business. Please do not sacrifice the well being of the community at the altar of profit.

Niklas Warren

I was not able to give feedback at the meeting today, but I'd like to voice concern about the change in regulations.

I feel that reducing the buffer from schools and distance between dispensaries to 1000 feet is not in the best interest of the city and it's residents.

1000 feet is only a few blocks. If the regulation is changed, a dispensary could be located just a few blocks from Hazelbrook Middle School.

The businesses in the NW commercial zone are, in general, not retail stores. While the General Manufacturing Planning District does allow for marijuana facilities, reducing the buffer as well as distance between facilities to 1000 feet will increase the number of retail store fronts. We've already seen areas of Portland that have a glut of dispensaries, where they seem more common than coffee shops. The increase in retail store fronts will change the business profile of an area that is mainly intended for General Manufacturing.

I would caution against changing the regulations. Once they are changed it's difficult to go back. If the city feels that the regulations need to be loosened. I would suggest a distance of 2000 feet and updating the planning zones. If you were to remove the allowance for marijuana facilities from the general manufacturing zone and create a new manufacturing zone that also allowed marijuana facilities, you could have finer control over their placement and density.

Brian Maguire

**WEBINAR**

In my humble opinion, Oregon has more than enough pot shops. You can throw a stone without hitting one anywhere else in the metro area. Tualatin doesn't need one.

Anonymous

October 14, 2020

### SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

I read an article about the proposed changes and watched the replay of the zoom meeting from last night. I'd like to share my humble opinion to add to your collection of comments.

As a wife and mother of two young children, a homeowner, and a former CIO president and treasurer, I care deeply about my community. Something that I love about Tualatin is that I can envision my children riding their bikes to stores, the library, and friends' houses as they get older like I was able to do as a child. The city feels clean, safe, and friendly. In a lot of ways, I feel like it is one of the last sweet suburbs of Portland. Since marijuana was legalized, I've seen so many cities and towns throughout Oregon become loaded with marijuana shops and I feel that a grungy, uncomfortable vibe has come with it. I am fearful that if it becomes easier for marijuana shops to open in Tualatin, we will lose our charm and I won't feel as comfortable letting my children enjoy the wonderful accessibility of our town.

Thank you so much for listening,  
Jamie Gowins

### SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

I am writing to express my views regarding the lessening of the current marijuana buffer zones. I am 100% against lessening the buffer zones.

I challenge each of you to study the physical and mental effects of marijuana use, especially longterm use. I do not want to live in a community where more people are running around high or getting behind the wheel of a motor vehicle endangering other peoples lives. I think the more dispensaries there are, the more we encourage people to use it.

It is also a proven fact that marijuana use in on the rise in children as young as middle school and many middle school students and high school students admit to using it daily.

It is my opinion, and everyone I have talked to, that enlarging the area where dispensaries are allowed will diminish the quality of life in our community. I have not talked to one person who is for the idea of lessening the buffer zone.

The current zone should remain as is. It is not that far for anyone in the entire city of Tualatin to drive to the current zone. In my opinion, lessening the zone and allowing more dispensaries will encourage marijuana use. Let's keep our community safe and livable.

Sincerely,  
Pam

### OCTOBER 12, 2020

I am reaching out about the Cannabis issue coming up. I am opposed to reducing the distance that cannabis dispensaries have to be from schools. I am not opposed to legal marijuana, but there is no shortage of dispensaries close by, for example in Tigard or Portland. Tualatin is a small city and allowing a dispensary in our small downtown would detract from its charm and atmosphere. Our downtown atmosphere has come a long way, in no small part due to efforts by good planners and public officials in Tualatin. This would be a step backwards. Thanks!

Will and Jessica Lancaster

**OCTOBER 12, 2020**

I have lived in Tualatin with my family for 12 years. We have owned two homes in Tualatin, and all 3 of my children attend Tualatin schools.

I understand that the City Council has made a recommendation to the planning commission that zoning ordinances be changed to allow marijuana dispensaries within 1000 feet of schools and residential zones.

I'm writing to let you know that I oppose any change that eases restrictions on Marijuana businesses or facilitates access to Marijuana. I am particularly opposed to allowing dispensaries any closer to residential zones and schools since exposure breeds familiarity and normalization, and it's already difficult enough to keep marijuana away from children without them feeling like it's a normal part of every-day-life.

I don't know why the city council would recommend this change to the planning commission. I plan to try to find out which council members think this is a good idea and vote against them in the next election. I do not think such a change matches the vision that most residents have for the city.

Thanks for your consideration.

Aaron Beddes  
22765 SW Eno Place

I am reaching out to express my concerns about the potential change in the zoning laws regarding cannabis in Tualatin. I have been a resident of Tualatin for the last two years and I have fallen in love with this community. I love living and working in this area and my husband and I are hoping to stay here for a long time.

It is hard to try and find the words to explain the disappointment I have that Tualatin would even consider this. There is no need to change the zoning laws when the laws in place are perfectly acceptable for the community. I would think that Tualatin would care about the negative image they would set if they change these laws. What logical reason is there to have the stores closer to neighborhoods and schools? (People don't need to stop off at the dispenser before walking down the street to pick up their kids from school.) There is a limit on how much people can buy at a time on any given day so why does the facility need to be bigger? (It isn't like they can stock up cannabis like we do on Snickers and Butterfingers at Halloween.)

I know substantial tax money can come from sales, but that is not good enough. We need to make sure that these changes in zoning law are beneficial to more than just one specific type of retailer and that it doesn't send the wrong message to others looking at our great community. We don't want to be labeled as the Toilet Town community who cares more about satisfying the whims of a niche retailer who isn't satisfied with the perfectly acceptable status quo. We are a community who is happy with the way things are. (I'll be brutally honest: I moved here from out of state and the first question I always get when I say I live in Oregon is if the marijuana use is out of control and if I get high driving with my windows down. This change in the zoning law would prove them right about marijuana being what Oregon cares about. Don't make them right. Oregon is awesome, and it isn't because of legalized cannabis.)

Please, take into account those of us who live here. We like it. It doesn't need to change on the whims of a retailer who can sell their product with the way things are. This change would not be in our community's best interest.

Thank you,  
Emily Younker

October 14, 2020

**OCTOBER 14, 2020**

I learned of the proposed changes to the City of Tualatin's code on location a Marijuana business in the City of Tualatin. I have reviewed the presentation and supporting documents that were available on the City's web site. A question I have is, what criteria was used to establish the original requirements for placing a marijuana business in the City of Tualatin? Has this criteria been reviewed and found to be out of date, in accurate or completely stopped these businesses from coming into the community? It appears from the maps provided, this request to reduce the minimum distances is to get a marijuana business in the "Bridgeport" area.

Is it possible to get the original background and criteria for establishing these minimum distances, so the public, Planning Commission and City Council can see and understand why these restrictions were placed in the first place.

If this documentation is available, please email back to me.

For the record I am apposed to making these changes.

Thank you,  
Dean Pickett  
Tualatin Resident

FACEBOOK



**Rob Spalding** You'll be lowering my taxes when you bring in taxes from this right? No? Damn

Ban Rob Spalding · Unhide · Message · 1w



**E.S. Lamb** Tualatin does not need weed shops. Keep them regulated as they are or get them out completely. Want weed? Go to Tigard. They have plenty.

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**E.S. Lamb** Keep weed out of Tualatin. More homeless scumbags are already moving in here. We don't need further incentive to attract any more of them.

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


**Kristine Fagler** houseless people are not who is using recreational marijuana. Maybe stop complaining on every single post and do some research

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


**E.S. Lamb** Kristine Fagler Do you work downtown among the homeless as I have? How's that for research? The streets of Portland are littered with the trash of the homeless, including empty marijuana vials (and needles) issued from any number of dispensaries. To deny the connection between the homeless and drug use and this obvious reality is absolutely absurd.

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**Kristine Fagler** E.S. Lamb houseless people with drug addiction issue and mental health problems is a separate conversation. This is about Tualatin reviewing regulations on recreational marijuana.

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**E.S. Lamb** Kristine Fagler You're absolutely clueless if you cannot admit the link that obviously exists between the two, vagrants and drugs. "Houseless?" Is that the new kinder and gentler term, some sort of further semantic gymnastics, issued to you by headquarters? What a joke.

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**Kristine Fagler** E.S. Lamb reading comprehension is a learned skill. I recommend you take classes.

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**E.S. Lamb** Kristine Fagler Oh, the irony. You couldn't even read and comprehend the prior posts in this thread.



**Sara Evans** It would be nice to have a dispensary here.

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**E.S. Lamb** Sara Evans Go to Tigard. They have plenty.

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**Sara Evans** E.S. Lamb I don't wanna

Like · Reply · Message · 5d



**Sara Evans** E.S. Lamb besides, what's wrong with a dispensary here in town?

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**E.S. Lamb** Sara Evans Too lazy? Typical dope smoker.

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**Sara Evans** Hahaha.... far from it

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**Alicia Eginton Hoyle** Sara Evans this isn't about having a dispensary in Tualatin. They are currently allowed. It's about changing the zoning to allow them within 1,000 feet of schools, parks, playgrounds and libraries.

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**Sara Evans** Alicia Eginton Hoyle gotcha

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**Jonathan Crane** Alicia Eginton Hoyle Not within 1000 feet, at least a thousand feet, which is consistent with the State law and how most other municipalities are doing it. For all intents and purposes, we have a ban.

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**Alicia Eginton Hoyle** Jonathan Crane what are Lake Oswego, Wilsonville and West Linn doing? It's my understanding that they are not allowing it at all. Was this an issue before Western Dispensaries hired an attorney to get the city to change the zoning so they could put a store at a freeway exit in Tualatin. A pot shop on one side and an In n Out on the other. If the zoning changes, that could very well become the image of Tualatin.

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**Jonathan Crane** Alicia Eginton Hoyle I just think the city has bigger fish to fry. Pot is legal, can't stop it. People (yes, even Tualatin residents) are going to buy it, whether it's a few blocks away in Tigard or King City or not, so perhaps might be best to accept... See More

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**Doug McClure** If it brings in tax money for the city do it. I don't care for the leaf myself but it's legal in the state, so why not?

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Reply as City of Tualatin



**Jonathan Crane** Why not? We have a liquor store. What's the difference?

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**Niklas Warren** These proposed changes are terrible. I am so sick of smelling this garbage in public, and now we want to bring MORE of this into our community? NO THANK YOU.

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**Sarah Hall** Drive 10 minutes to another city and get it. I feel like there are more pot shops then Starbucks in the area now. Stay out of Tualatin.

Like · Reply · Message · 21h



**David Dunn** Ban the sales of an illegal product.

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**Ethan Lamb** Get rid of dope in Tualatin. We have enough homeless now as it is without supplying them weed.

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TWITTER



**tweem** @NTFT8T · Sep 11  
Finally



**marinemajor** 🤘 @marinemajor · Sep 6  
Shut them down.

INSTAGRAM



**jayperez23** Glad to hear there's more discussion on this topic taking place. More love and more money into the community ❤️

1w Reply



**irishpdx** I really hope that we do not change our regulations.

1w Reply

NEXT DOOR



**Kathy M.** • Riverpark CIO1  
Maybe we could also talk about food carts for Tualatin  
3 Sep

❤️ 😊 3



**Barbara M.** • CIO2 - East Tualatin  
Restaurants are all struggling... food carts may hurt their business???

❤️ 1



**Kathy M.** • Riverpark CIO1  
I heard that 2 years ago before Covid was around. Would be nice to see Tualatin come to the 21st century  
3 Sep

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**Toni & Len C.** • Riverpark CIO1  
Good info from City councilors Paul Morrison and Nancy Grimes in a recent Tualatin Life. They don't agree with the location zone changes.  
5 Sep

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**James F.** • Ibach CIO  
They don't even represent a majority on the council. Marijuana is legal in Oregon and yet Tualatin, by pushing dispensaries, etc. to the fringes of the city, is disingenuous in accepting state tax dollars from their sales. Alcohol, tobacco and other vaping products are allowed to operate all over Tualatin and in the downtown core. Why is marijuana being subjected to a different standard? I'm a disabled veteran with a medical marijuana card that has to travel out of town to obtain this product and I have a vehicle to do so. There are others like me who don't have this ability.

6 Sep

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**Joey B.** • Riverpark CIO1  
James Folk I agree with you.  
9 Sep

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