



City of Tualatin

CITY OF TUALATIN Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager
FROM: Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Community Development Director
DATE: September 28, 2020

SUBJECT:

Public feedback in response to proposed changes to Tualatin's regulations of marijuana facilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Council review the public feedback and give staff direction to amend Tualatin Development Code Chapter 80 if the Council so chooses.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On several occasions over the course of this past year the Council has discussed the possibility of amending Tualatin Development Code (TDC) Chapter 80 which regulates marijuana facilities in the City. After a discussion at the January 27, 2020 Work Session the Council directed staff to seek feedback on potential changes to the code. Staff drafted a public outreach plan and was preparing to commence outreach last March when the COVID-19 pandemic forced an abrupt change to the way public engagement was conducted. After staff, the community, and the public in general adjusted to virtual meetings and on-line engagement we returned to this topic. On September 16, 2020, we held our first virtual engagement session in the form of public webinar. Tonight we will present the questions and comments we received in reaction to the proposed changes.

The proposed changes include:

- Location:
 - Allow retail dispensaries in commercial zones
 - All other business types (including wholesale, processing, and growing) will continued to be allowed in industrial areas
- Reduce buffers to 1,000 foot buffer from other uses:
 - Schools
 - Parks
 - Libraries
 - Residential zones
- Reduce the separation requirement between marijuana facilities to 1,000 feet to match state law.

Based on the comments we received during the webinar, through email, and on social media prior to the webinar there is generally support to maintain the existing code. The questions and comments we have received are included in the packet.

OUTCOMES OF DECISION:

If Council directs staff to amend the code, Planning staff will prepare an amendment and present it to the Planning Commission in October for their consideration and recommendation. Following Planning Commission, Council will hold a public hearing to consider the amendments in November.

ATTACHMENTS:

A - Presentation from the Webinar

B – Questions and Comments received from the public