Cannabis Regulation

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Prior direction from Council

- What are other cities in Tulare County doing
- What would the City of Tulare need to do to allow our existing nonconforming dispensaries to deliver medical cannabis
- Report on allowing an additional medical marijuana dispensary in the City of Tulare
- Potential for delivery licensing (medical cannabis) in the City of Tulare

Existing Ordinance Language

- Chapter 5.96
 - Allows two specific addresses to provide medical marijuana dispensary services.
 - Requires City permit and business license.
 - ► Enacted in 2017

Changes since adoption

- Prop 64
- Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA)
 - State permitting system
 - State now requires a state license for commercial cannabis sales.
 - ▶ While the Compassionate Use Act is still technically law, most of it is irrelevant.

Other cities

City	Allow?	Status	Tax (% & sq ft)
Exeter	No	-	-
Farmersville	Yes	Applicants selected	5%/\$7
Lindsay	Yes	Tax passed, no operations	Not yet set (10%/\$25)
Porterville	Yes	Applicants selected	None
Visalia	No	-	-
Woodlake	Yes	Fully operational	4-5%/\$6

Short Term

- Medicinal deliveries from existing facilities:
 - ► Revise Municipal Code 5.96.230
 - ► No mobile dispensaries are permitted to operate in any zone of the city, except for mobile medical marijuana dispensaries.
 - ▶ Establishments allowed to operate pursuant to Section 5.96.015 shall be authorized to conduct delivery services from the addresses stated therein between the hours of 8:00 am and 10:00 pm. Further restrictions for health, safety, and security of such deliveries shall be established by resolution of the City Council.
 - Revise Municipal Code 5.96.020 Definitions
 - ▶ "Delivery" means the transportation of a previously purchased medical marijuana purchase from a medical marijuana dispensary.

Adding facilities

- In order to allow additional medicinal or a recreational dispensary, the entire Chapter 5.96 of the Municipal Code needs revision.
- Prior to Prop 64 and AUMA.
 - All new permit scheme is needed
 - Recreational/medicinal (Bureau of Cannabis Control)
 - Cultivation (Cal Dept. of Food & Ag)
 - Security requirements
 - Zoning issues
 - State and any local requirements
- Local tax
 - ▶ General election Nov. 2020

Direction

- Council previously gave direction on the deliveries of established facilities.
- Does Council want more medicinal/recreational facilities?
 - ▶ If so, what types? We can have further presentation on the different types.
 - If so, possible locations?
- Does Council want a tax established?