

Charter Township of Portage Residents

In the 2018 midterm election, the ballot initiative to legalize recreational marijuana in Michigan passed statewide and in all three precincts in Portage Township. The township already has a Medical Marijuana Ordinance, and in response to township residents' vote, the Board has begun to develop a Recreational Marijuana Ordinance. The state authorized twelve (12) types of recreational marijuana businesses, and the township is considering permitting eight (8) of these types as current zoning allows.

Board members obviously possess a broad range of opinions on the topic, but we agree that Designated Consumption Establishments, public marijuana events, and Excess Marijuana Growers will not be allowed. We also agree that allowing only one (1) business of a type gives someone a monopoly, and we can't give any new business owner an outright monopoly. What follows is a brief sketch of our discussions thus far:

Marijuana Safety Compliance (labs that assure the product doesn't contain pesticides, etc.) would be a good fit since we have a university with a Chemistry Department nearby.

Marijuana Secure Transporter is also a good fit since our B-2 and Mixed Zoning areas allow trucking facilities.

Marijuana Retailer is essentially the same business model as our existing Medical Marijuana Provisioning site.

Class A, B, & C growers are delineated by the number of plants the state allows and would be limited to our FF (Farm Forest) zoned area where horticulture and greenhouses are permitted.

Marijuana Processor includes two different models: a business which makes edible products or a business which supplies both edible items and oils. If edibles only, Baked Goods Stores are permitted in areas zoned B-1 & B-2 (Business), LAR (Lakeshore Residential), and MU (Mixed). If oils are included, the business would only be permitted in areas zoned M-1 (Manufacturing) or MU.

Marijuana Microbusiness (where limited growing, processing, and selling will occur) would likely be permitted as a Special Use in B-2 and MU once the ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals) rules whether or not that model is similar to other businesses permitted in those zoning districts.

Later this summer the Board will hold a public meeting on Recreational Marijuana – the intent of this letter is to keep township residents abreast of our progress on this topic.

| License Type rev 6.3.2020 | FF Farm Forest | RUR Rural Residential | RER Resort Residential | LAR Lake Shore Residential | R-1 Low Density Single-Family Residential | R-2 Medium Density Single-Family Residential | R-3 High Density Single-Family Residential | R-4 Medium Density Multi-Family | B-1 Neighbor- hood Business | B-2 General Business | M-1 General Mfg | MU Mixed Use District |
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| Class A Marihuana Grower | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class B Marihuana Grower | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class C Marihuana Grower | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Excess Marihuana Grower | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Marihuana Microbusiness | | | | | | | | | | SU | | SU |
| Marihuana Processor | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | 2 | |
| Marihuana Retailer | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Marihuana Safety Compliance | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Marihuana Secure Transporter | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Marihuana Event Organizer | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Temporary Marihuana Event | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Designated Consumption Establishment | | | | | | | | | | | | |

SU = special use permit needed
1 - for cooking activities only
2 - for cooking and laboratory activities

| License Type | Cost | definition |
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| Class A Marihuana Grower | \$4,000 | 100 plants |
| Class B Marihuana Grower | \$8,000 | 500 plants |
| Class C Marihuana Grower | \$40,000 | 2000 plants |
| Excess Marihuana Grower | \$40,000 | issued to a person holding 5 class C marihuana grower licenses & licensed to cultivate marihuana & sell / otherwise transfer marihuana to marihuana establishments |
| Marihuana Microbusiness | \$8,000 | (a) cultivation up to 150 plants(b) processing & packaging of marihuana.(c) retail sale/transfer of marihuana to only an individual 21 years of age or older, but not other marihuana establishments.(d) transfer of marihuana to a marihuana safety compliance facility for testing. |
| Marihuana Processor | \$40,000 | authorizes purchase of marihuana only from a marihuana grower or a marihuana processor and sale of marihuana-infused products or marihuana only to a marihuana retailer or another marihuana processor. |
| Marihuana Retailer | \$25,000 | authorizes the purchase / transfer of marihuana only from a marihuana grower/ marihuana processor & sale/ transfer to only an individual 21 years of age or older. Except as otherwise provided in Rule 42, Rule 53, this rule, and the act, all transfers of marihuana to a marihuana retailer from a separate marihuana establishment must be by means of a marihuana secure transporter. A transfer of marihuana to a marihuana retailer from a marihuana establishment that occupies the same location as the marihuana retailer does not require a marihuana secure transporter if the marihuana is transferred to the marihuana retailer using only private real property without accessing public roadways. |
| Marihuana Safety Compliance | \$25,000 | Become fully accredited to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), ISO/IEC 17025:2017 by an International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) recognized accreditation body or by an entity approved by the agency within 1 year after the date the marihuana safety compliance facility license is issued and agree to have the inspections and reports of the International Organization for Standardization made available to the agency. Tests for impurities, and potencies of various marihuana products. |
| Marihuana Secure Transporter | \$25,000 | to store & transport marihuana & money associated w/the purchase/ sale of marihuana between marihuana establishments for a fee upon request of a person with legal custody of that marihuana or money. It does not authorize transport to a registered qualifying patient or registered primary caregiver. If a marihuana secure transporter has its primary place of business in a municipality that has not adopted an ordinance under section 6 of the act, MCL 333.27956, prohibiting marihuana establishments, the marihuana secure transporter may travel through any municipality. |
| Marihuana Event Organizer | \$1,000 | allows a person to put on temporary marijuana events, such as the periodic Cannabis Cup competitions, where different forms of marijuana compete for prizes, or cannabis conferences. |
| Temporary Marihuana Event | See rule 60 | license holders also must have an event organizer license and they can put on events where the sale and consumption of marijuana products is allowed for one day or up to one week. The cost of a license is \$500 for each day of the event. And if marijuana is sold at the event, an additional \$500 per-day fee for the event organizer as well as a \$500 fee for each person authorized to sell marijuana products at the event will apply. |
| Designated Consumption Establishment | \$1,000 | a commercial space that is licensed by the agency and authorized to permit adults 21 years of age and older to consume marihuana products at the location indicated on the state license |

| B-1 Neighborhood Business | B-2 General Business | FF Farm Forest | LAR Lake Shore Residential | M-1 General Manufacturing | MU Mixed Use District | R-1 Low Density Single- Family Residential | R-2 Medium Density Single- Family Residential | R-3 High Density Single-Family Residential | R-4 Medium Density Multi- Family | RER Resort Residential | RUR Rural Residential |
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| Provide neighborhood convenience shopping which supply commodities or perform services | Retailing and wholesaling of goods, warehousing facilities, trucking facilities, and limited fabrication of goods | Agriculture, forestry and related uses | Mixed residential, year round and seasonal rental, and convenience shopping | Permits compounding, assembling, or treatment of articles or materials; also allows for special use heavy manufacturing, extraction, processing of raw materials | Mix of commercial, light industry, and some residential development | Full range of residential housing types in a lower density urban environment | Older, developed neighborhoods served by public water/sewer | Older, developed neighborhoods served by public water/sewer | Multi-Family dwellings served by public water/sewer | Mix of seasonal and year-round housing types | Dwellings without public water/sewer |