
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

ERC MEETING DATE: August 25, 2014

Project Name: Medical Marijuana Regulations

Owner: City of Renton

Applicant: City of Renton

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File Number: LUA 14-001123, ECF

Project Manager: Angie Mathias, Senior Planner

Project Summary: The applicant is requesting Environmental (SEPA) Review for proposed medical marijuana regulations. It is anticipated that the code will be amended to define collective gardens and to not allow medical marijuana businesses, cooperatives, collectives, gardens, or other types of enterprises in any zones. These regulations would be citywide.

Project Location: Citywide

Exist. Bldg. Area SF: N/A **Proposed New Bldg. Area (footprint):** N/A

Proposed New Bldg. Area (gross): N/A

Site Area: N/A **Total Building Area GSF:** N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff Recommends that the Environmental Review Committee issue a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS).

PART ONE: PROJECT DESCRIPTION / BACKGROUND

In November 2013, Council adopted a moratorium on accepting applications for medical and/or recreational marijuana business licenses or permits. In March 2014, Council adopted regulations for recreational marijuana and extended the moratorium for applications medical marijuana business licenses or permits. Since then, staff in conjunction with the Planning Commission has been engaged in a work program regarding medical marijuana. It is proposed the code be amended to define collective gardens and to not allow medical marijuana businesses, cooperatives, collectives, gardens, or other types of enterprises in any zones.

PART TWO: ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

In compliance with RCW 43.21C.240, the following environmental (SEPA) review addresses only those project impacts that are not adequately addressed under existing development standards and environmental regulations.

A. Environmental Threshold Recommendation

Based on analysis of probable impacts from the proposal, staff recommends that the Responsible Officials:

Issue a DNS with a 14-day Appeal Period.

B. Mitigation Measures

None.

C. Exhibits

None.

D. Environmental Impacts

There are no environmental impacts that are anticipated to occur in conjunction with the proposal.

E. Comments of Reviewing Departments

The proposal will be circulated to City Department Division Reviewers and appropriate agencies. All substantive comments will be provided to the Responsible Officials for their consideration and possible recommendation that the comments be incorporated as "Advisory Notes to Applicant."

Environmental Determination Appeal Process: Comments and Appeals of the environmental determination must be filed in writing on or before 5:00 PM, September 12, 2014.

Renton Municipal Code Section 4-8-110.B governs appeals to the Hearing Examiner. Appeals must be filed in writing at the City Clerk's office along with the required fee. Additional information regarding the appeal process may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, Renton City Hall - 7th Floor, 1055 S. Grady Way, Renton WA 98057.