



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Establish a Committee to Review and Make Recommendations on Ann Arbor's Existing Medical Marijuana Ordinance

In early September, 2016, the Michigan Governor signed into law a series of legislative acts that create a path to state-issued licenses for medical marijuana businesses. These new state laws includes five (5) different types of license: provisioning centers, testing facilities, manufacturing facilities, growing facilities, and safe transport companies. The City's ordinances need to be amended. This resolution establishes a committee to review and recommend amendments to Title VII (businesses and trades), Chapter 95.

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor voters passed a charter amendment in 2006 establishing legal protections for medical marijuana users; and

Whereas, The State of Michigan voters passed the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act in 2008 establishing legal protections for those who use and grow medical marijuana;

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor approved ordinances in 2011 that identified locations and circumstances where medical marijuana could be grown and distributed to registered medical marijuana patients;

Whereas, The governor of Michigan signed into law further legislation in 2016 that clarify the circumstances and restrictions on growing and distributing medical marijuana to registered patients; and

Whereas, The new legislation establishing those circumstances and restrictions varies from Ann Arbor's current ordinances;

RESOLVED, That the City of Ann Arbor establishes a committee to make recommendations regarding which changes, if any, would be needed in order for our ordinances to comply with Michigan law;

RESOLVED, That this committee will consist of 5 members: 2 members of City Council and 3 residents of Ann Arbor with an interest in medical marijuana; and

RESOLVED, That this committee will be nominated by the Mayor and appointments approved by the City Council by the second meeting in January, with recommendations submitted to the Planning Commission and City Council by June 30, 2017;

Sponsored by: Councilmember Briere

As Amended by Ann Arbor City Council on December 5, 2016