

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Brett Lenart, Planning Manager

THROUGH: Howard S. Lazarus, City Administrator
Derek Delacourt, Community Services Area Administrator

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. ORD-19-31 (Medical Marijuana Facilities) and Ordinance No. ORD-19-32 (Marijuana Retailers, Marijuana Microbusinesses, Designated Marijuana Consumption Facilities)

DATE: October 7, 2019

During the working session on potential changes to City ordinances in response to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act (MRTMA), there were several inquiries for which additional information is provided below:

Map

Attached, please find a map of the locations of the 26 approved special exception uses for a medical marijuana provisioning centers (shown as green cross), including an indication of which have also received a license to open for business (shown as red circle around green cross).

Inspections

In addition to the information provided in the October 7th Council Agenda Responses memorandum, the following is a summary of the typical approval and inspection process for any commercial businesses in the City:

Step 1 – Land Use Approval. If necessary, a special exception use is obtained. Otherwise, a zoning permit grants land use approval.

Step 2 – Building Permits. If no new construction is proposed, a re-occupancy permit is required to change the use of a tenant space. A building inspector will inspect the space for life safety requirements and require compliance as a condition of issuing the re-occupancy permit. If new construction is proposed, a building permit application and drawings by a licensed professional must be submitted. Plans are reviewed and approved, and all work is inspected by a building inspector and trade inspectors. The building inspector will issue a certificate of occupancy once all work is completed in compliance with the permit and code requirements.

Step 3 – Fire Marshal. The Fire Marshal inspects all commercial units annually for life safety requirements.

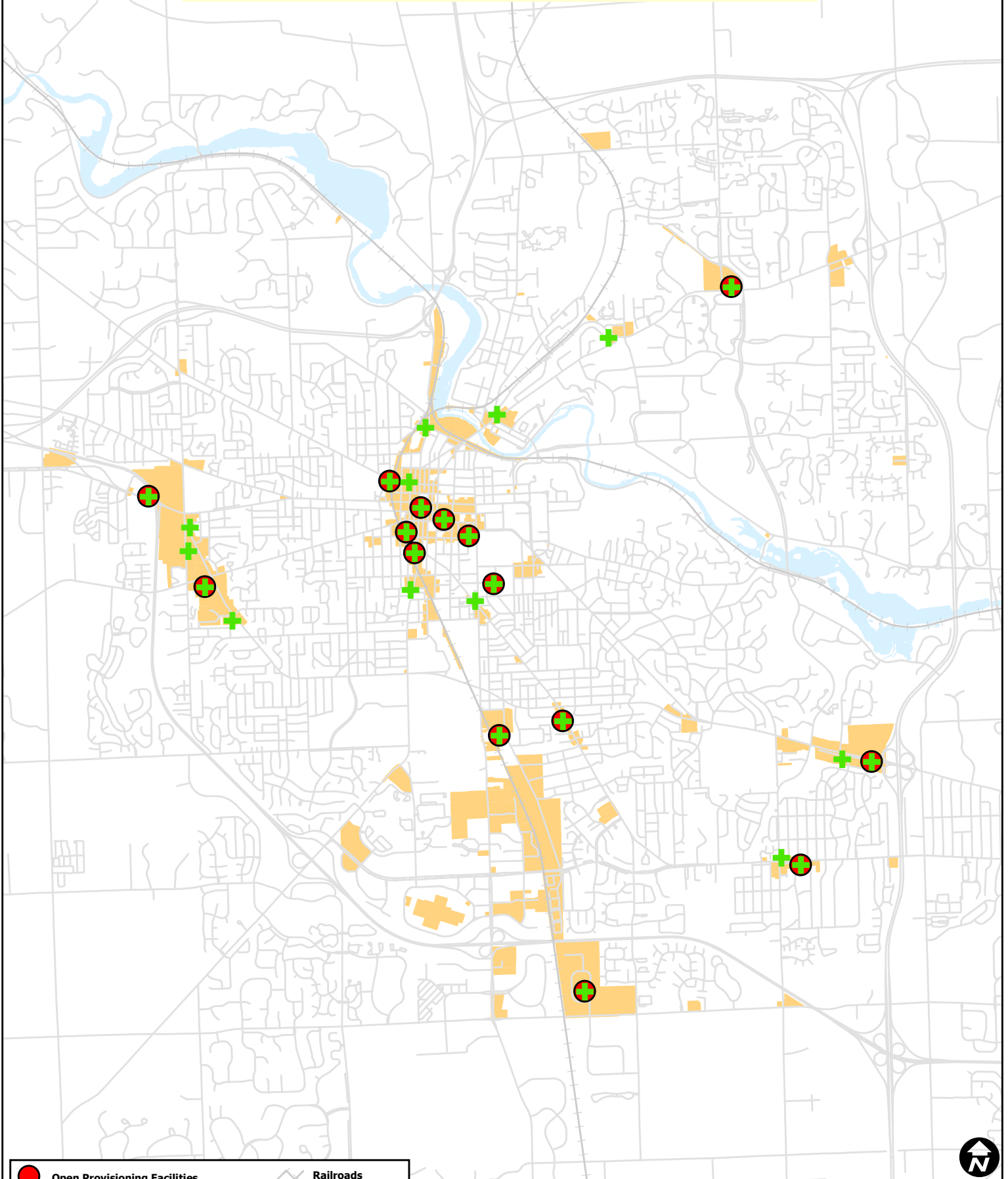
Solar

The proposed 10% of solar renewable energy for any facility that includes grow operations is based on developing an attainable standard of renewable energy, on a site by site basis. Based on research of solar capacity in Michigan and estimated demand of marijuana grow facilities, it is possible under optimum conditions that up to 24% of a facility's demand could be achieved on a square foot basis. When other factors such as structure limitations, building code

requirements, and site by site solar access nuances are considered, the 10% minimum standard is proposed.

Increasing this standard would increase the likelihood that facilities that include growing operations would need to be integrated into larger properties, to enable a larger proportion of a site or building be devoted to solar energy generation, or mandating the acquisition of power through an alternative means (i.e. purchased energy from renewable sources).

Open vs Approved Provisioning Facilities



	Open Provisioning Facilities		Railroads
	Approved Provisioning Facilities		Road Centerlines
	Zoning that allows Provisioning Facilities		Huron River



Map date 10/3/2019
Any aerial imagery is circa 2018 unless otherwise noted
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