

# PC Zoning Subcommittee

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 18, 2017  
10:30 a.m. Council Chambers



City of South Haven

Present: PC members Heinig, Fries, Peterson, Gruber and Stimson. Also present was the zoning administrator (Anderson).

The meeting was called in order to discuss the requested recommendations for city council related to the 2016 Medical Marijuana Law (MMMA).

Anderson began by giving an overview of the new law and the five (5) types of permits included. The city has the option of 1.) doing nothing thereby prohibiting any of the permits or activities in the city or, 2.) allowing some or all of the proposed uses but regulation where they will be allowed and the number of each permit to be issued. The city does not actually issue the permits as that is done by the State of Michigan but the city will need to send the state and restrictions imposed on the permits.

It was decided by the members present that the city would take part in the program and allow for MMMA uses and permits. It was also decided that proposed uses would not require a special use permit in effort to protect the business from predators and the privacy of the certified users.

The attendees then went through the list of allowed uses and prepared the attached preliminary findings. The group will meet again in 2 weeks and ask the City Police Chief to attend.

Next meeting on February 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at city hall. Location TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Anderson

## **Preliminary Recommendations to Allow Medical Marijuana Services in the City of South Haven**

There are five (5) different medical marijuana licenses available under PA 280-283 of 2016, The Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act. The planning commission subcommittee discussed the law and each of the five (5) facilities. These comments are preliminary and for discussion purposes only. These recommendations will be refined as research continues.

**Grow facilities** (i.e. growers): *A grower cultivates, dries, trims, cures and packages marijuana for sale (Sec 501 of PA 281 of 2016). This license authorizes 500, 1000 or 1500 plants and allows for transfer between growers, to provisioning, processing or safety compliance facilities.*

This would be an indoor facility. It is preliminarily recommended that grow facilities be allowed in certified industrial or business parks only. There is no cap on the number permitted.

**Processors:** *Extracts resin or creates a packaged marijuana infused product (e.g., brownies or other non-smoked product). Holders of this license may only transfer products to provisioning centers. (Sec. 502)*

This also would be an indoor activity. It is preliminarily recommended that processors be allowed in certified industrial or business parks only. There is no cap on the number permitted.

**Secure Transporters:** *Provides secure transport of medical marijuana between licensed facilities (Sec. 503)*

Since this licensee will use a small truck or van for transport and involve at least some storage of materials, it was discussed allowing the uses in B-2, General Business, Industrial and B-4 Major Thoroughfare Business zones only. Transporters shall be at least 600 feet from any church, school or child care facility. There was discussion about limiting the number of transporters but it was decided that the other permitted uses would determine the number of transporters required.

**Provisioning Centers:** *(a.k.a. dispensaries) This license holder acquires marijuana from growers and processors for sale or transfer to qualifying patient or primary caregivers. (Sec. 504)*

Allowed in B-2, General Business, Industrial and B-4 Major Thoroughfare Business zones only. Centers shall be at least 600 feet from any church, school or child care facility. There was discussion about limiting the number of centers allowed in the city or to let the market determine the number. It was decided that the committee will ask the police chief to attend the next meeting to discuss this matter.

**Safety Compliance Facility Provisioning Center:** *Provides safety and quality testing. (Sec. 505)*

It was determined that these centers should be allowed in zones that allow laboratories or similar uses. This includes the B-4 and industrial zones. There would be no cap on the number allowed.