



Marijuana Information Update
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Substitute Senate Bill 5052 was passed by the Washington State Legislature (there are a few sections that were vetoed by the Governor). In this bill, the legislature has brought medical marijuana under the purview of the Liquor Control Board (creating the Liquor and Cannabis Board). Many of the rules applicable to recreational marijuana are now applicable to medical marijuana.

In this bill, RCW 69.51A.140 was repealed (this appears in Section 48 of the bill). This statute provided that cities and towns could adopt and enforce zoning, business licensing requirements, health and safety requirements and business taxes. Other changes were made to chapter 69.51A RCW on medical marijuana.

If you would like to read the bill as it was passed you can go to:

<http://lawfilesextra.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Passed%20Legislature/5052-S2.PL.pdf>

Questions that we need to ask:

Have we reviewed the applicable regulations to determine whether any marijuana businesses can locate in Vader (given that they must be 1,000 feet from sensitive uses)?

What is the City's rationale for prohibiting marijuana businesses in Vader, if the state is now in charge of regulating them and enforcing the state regulations?

Some groundwork for a permanent zoning ordinance:

Gather information on the land use impacts of recreational and medical marijuana businesses that have been allowed in other cities. Typically, our City Planner would do this.