

Exhibit D: Summary of Public Comments

Survey Results

Staff posted an online survey accessed from the City of Redmond web site to solicit feedback on three questions:

1. How far should retail marijuana stores be from libraries and daycares?
2. Where should retail marijuana stores be in Redmond?
3. Should there be a minimum separation between retail marijuana stores?

Responses for the first question (regarding buffers) allowed an answer of a certain number of football fields. Football fields were chosen in lieu of distances in feet because some people find it easier to visualize the size of a football field, versus trying to determine (for example) 300 feet. Libraries and daycares were chosen as representative uses, and also because the buffers from schools and playgrounds is required to remain 1,000 feet under state law.

Responses for the second question (regarding locations) allowed for a free-form answer. The intent was to ascertain where, if anywhere, in Redmond may be suitable for retail marijuana stores. For summation purposes, answers have been grouped into four general categories: Anywhere, Retail Areas, Industrial Areas, and Nowhere.

Finally, responses for the third question (regarding separation) allowed for a binary Yes/No answer.

The results of the survey as of January 5, 2016, are shown below. Summaries from previous reporting dates are also included for reference. 291 people responded to the survey as of January 5, 2016.

	12/18/2015	12/21/2015	12/28/2015	1/5/2016
Buffers				
1 or less than 1 football fields	51.2%	46.0%	34.4%	31.6%
2 football fields	4.6%	5.9%	5.8%	4.5%
3 or more than 3 football fields	44.2%	48.1%	57.8%	63.9%
Location				
Anywhere	23.2%	17.5%	20.9%	21.3%
Retail	32.6%	34.3%	26.2%	25.1%
Industrial	11.6%	20.4%	16.5%	18.6%
Nowhere	32.6%	27.8%	36.4%	35.0%
Separation				
Yes	60.5%	52.5%	57.3%	58.8%
No	39.5%	47.5%	42.7%	41.2%
TOTAL RESPONSES				
	43	137	225	291

Public Workshop

City staff held a public workshop on December 10, 2015, to allow for a more informal atmosphere for the public to provide feedback while also allowing staff to record that feedback. 6 people attended, including 2 marijuana store proprietors, the applicants for the amendment, a commercial real estate broker, and a resident, along with two City Council members. A summary is below.

- Locations:
 - Consider only parts of MP/BP zones and also Downtown.
 - Access/street grid/visibility should inform choice of potential locations.
- Buffers:
 - Property owner/manager reluctance limits supply of property that is actually available; need smaller buffers – while some preferred 100 feet, others preferred 500 feet.
 - Concern about enforcement of public use prohibition.
 - Smaller buffers may lead to more public use in Downtown area and parks – concern about exposure to smoke, especially for kids.
- Separation
 - Limit number of stores either outright or via separation (or both) to support initial businesses and reduce parking impact.
- Other issues:
 - Security:
 - Break-ins are targeting money, not product (stores operate as cash business due to federal banking restrictions).
 - Similar to other uses, high visibility (“eyes on street”) is best to reduce safety concerns from robberies and public use.
 - Parking and access concerns and experiences
 - Marijuana retail is high turnover and parking requirements may exceed our minimum standards – area retail marijuana store of 960 square feet has 700 customers in 1 day and 30 vehicles at a time – may have contributed to other nearby businesses relocating;
 - Marijuana retail store in Bellevue was required to rent a separate lot for parking.

Other feedback

Staff has also received feedback in the form of email, phone, and personal (face-to-face) communication. This feedback has sounded similar themes, with a notable emphasis on the potential impacts of public use of marijuana, in particular secondary exposure to marijuana smoke for people in public places.

Staff has also been contacted by numerous parties interested in opening a retail marijuana store, or agents seeking information for their clients seeking to open a retail marijuana store.