



Retail Marijuana Amendments

City of Redmond
Planning Commission
January 20, 2016



Background

- Privately-initiated amendment to allow retail marijuana store in Redmond.
- I-502 passed in 2012, state LCB rules in 2013.
- State law change in 2015
 - Option to reduce buffers.
 - Change tax rates and distribution
 - Integration of medical and recreational marijuana



Current Regulations

- Marijuana retail, processing and production allowed uses where:
 - In compliance with Zoning Code
 - Outside of 1,000 foot buffers



Policy Basis

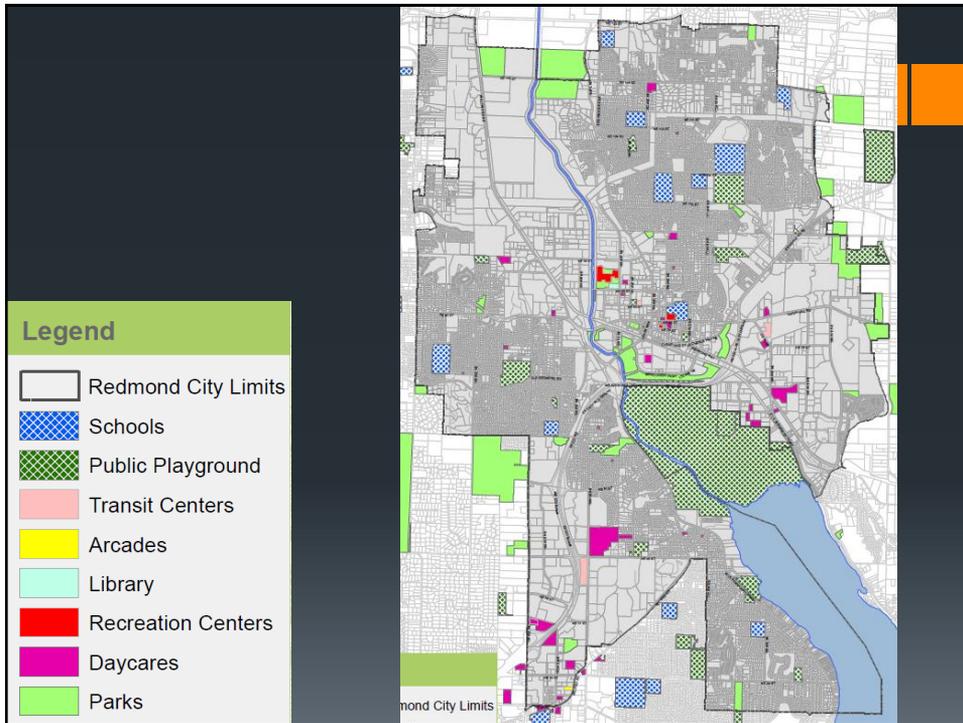
- Future Vision: Urban Centers
 - Create vibrant places which are “destinations”
 - Support a variety of uses offering opportunities to live, work, shop, and recreate.
 - Create a comfortable and connected feel that appeals to residents, businesses, and visitors.

Policy Basis

- LU-38, DT-27, LU-51
 - Maintain and enhance the viability and vibrancy of the Urban Centers
 - Retail uses should be many and varied, and complementary to each other and to other uses.
- LU-47, LU-62
 - MP and GC zones are intended for uses that may have adverse impacts or are better suited for non-Downtown/Overlake areas.

Factors

- Distribution of uses requiring a buffer
- Public input
- Landlord/Property manager willingness
- Size of stores
- Location of use by the public
- Security
- Effects on adjacent business and the neighborhood
- Parking
- Other cities

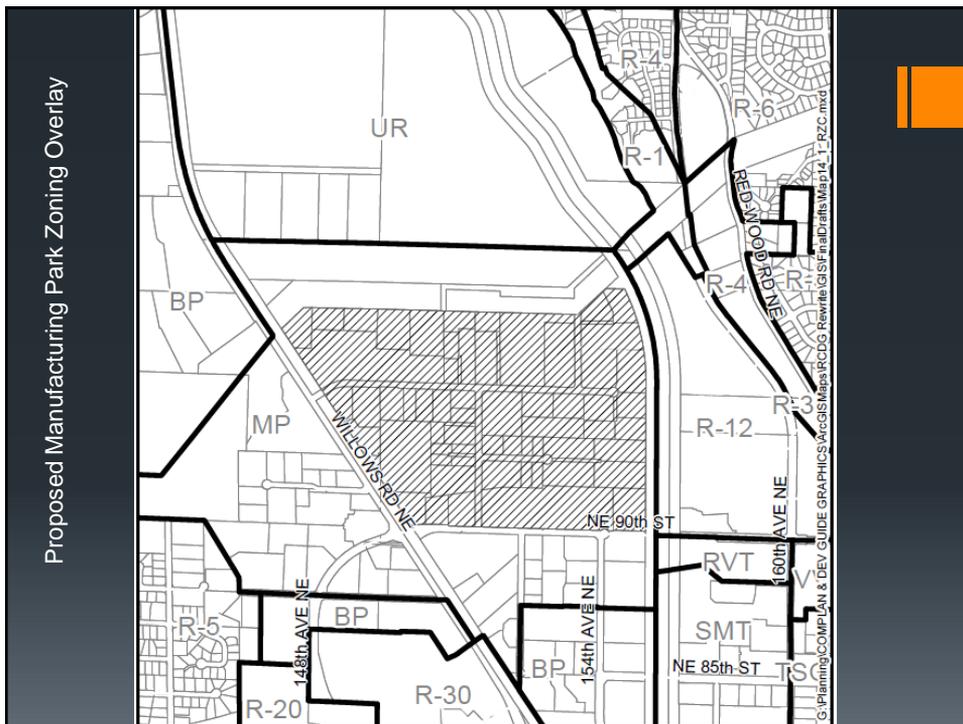


Objectives

- Allow for retail marijuana stores to locate in Redmond.
- Minimize potential impacts from retail marijuana stores.
- Maintain the vibrancy of the Urban Centers.
- Address public safety concerns.

Alternatives

1. Create a Zoning Overlay in the MP zone for retail marijuana stores. Do not allow in mixed use zones. Do not change buffers. Continue to allow in GC zone.
2. Reduce buffers to 250 feet. Allow retail marijuana stores in mixed use and retail zones.
3. No change
4. Combination of Alternatives 1 & 2.





Schedule

- Planning Commission
 - January 27 – Public Hearing and continued Study Session
 - February 10 – Study Session (if necessary)
 - February 17 or 24 – Report Approval

- City Council
 - March & April