

Memorandum

To: Planning Commission

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Subject: **Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Amendments for Retail Marijuana**

Background

The Planning Commission began discussion of proposed Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code amendments for retail marijuana on January 20, 2016. This started with a privately-initiated amendment requested by The Grass is Always Greener, LLC. The Technical Committee recommended amendments would revise policy LU-62 regarding the Manufacturing Park zone, and make several changes to the Zoning Code which would create a zoning overlay in a portion of the Manufacturing Park zone in the Sammamish Valley Neighborhood, allow retail marijuana stores in this area, set development standards for retail marijuana, and other related changes.

At the January 20 meeting, staff gave an overview of the proposed amendments to the Commission. Commissioners identified several issues which are included on the enclosed issues matrix.

Preparation for January 27 Public Hearing and Study Session

The purpose of the January 27 public hearing and study session is to hear public testimony on the proposed amendments, identify any additional discussion issues and begin to discuss and resolve issues as noted on the enclosed issues matrix.

Please continue to review the Technical Committee Report provided on January 8 and the supplemental information provided including public comments sent to the Planning Commission and City Council.

That information is available online at <http://redmond.gov/Government/BoardsCommissions/PlanningCommission/TopicsUnderReview>. Please also review the enclosed issues matrix and let staff know if any issues are missing.

Maps relating to the proposed amendments are available on the City's website, www.redmond.gov/marijuana.

Please contact Jason Rogers with any questions.

Review Schedule

Staff anticipates that the Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council on February 10, 2016. City Council review and action would follow afterward.

Enclosures

Issue Matrix for January 27, 2016

Public Comments received on January 21 and January 22, 2016