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FIFE LIFTS MARIJUANA BAN ON PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND RETAIL SALES

Fife, WA – Fife City Council has lifted the 2014 prohibition on marijuana production, processing and retail sales in the passage of Ordinance 1957 (See: Ordinance 1957, attached) last night. The decision came after extensively reviewing the impacts of I-502 on local communities, a new formal recommendation from the Fife Planning Commission and changes to the state distribution of taxes on marijuana to local government.

Where will it be allowed in Fife?

The production and processing of marijuana will be allowed in the Industrial Zone and retail outlet sales will be allowed in the Regional Commercial Zone, subject to local and state buffers (See: Marijuana Limited Zone Overlay Map, attached). Separation requirements include a buffer of 1,000 feet from schools, playgrounds, child care centers and other similar facilities.

Why Now?

The recommendation from the Fife Planning Commission states that there is evidence that the impacts on local public services, such as police, is no greater than, and in some cases less than, other retail businesses in the community. Washington State now shares tax revenues on retail sales with cities, which allow cities to cover costs for providing services. Additionally, the State of Washington has approved the Puyallup Tribe of Indians to sell marijuana products on Tribal Trust lands and recently opened retail marijuana outlet in Fife.

What is the process for opening a marijuana related business?

The Washington State Liquor Cannabis Board (WALCB) regulates, taxes and licenses marijuana producers and outlet retail sales. Just like any other business, a marijuana related business must also apply for a City business license and that license is subject to review and the location is subject to all applicable state and local laws and ordinances.

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