

CITY OF MITCHELL

City Council Meeting
Agenda Item Request



The deadline for agenda items is Wednesday at noon, prior to the City Council Meeting

Meeting Date Requested:
 Requested By:

Desired Action of City Council: Authorization Approval Resolution
 Ordinance Citizen Request Discussion

Amount Budgeted in current fiscal year for this item (if applicable):

Agenda Item:

Explanation/Background of Agenda Item Requested:

IM 26 authorizing medical cannabis use and establishments becomes effective July 1, 2021. For many reasons, it is important that the city get regulations in place prior to the state law taking effect.

The licensing regulations provides numerous provisions to help ensure the orderly treatment of cannabis establishments in a way that addresses and protects the general health, safety, and welfare of the community. With how interconnected the provisions are, a summary would be as long or longer than the ordinance itself. However, I will provide a general overview of topics covered under the proposed ordinance.

The ordinance begins with the basic purpose and definition provisions. There are then a number of provisions laying out that licenses are required and the terms of the licenses themselves. A cap is set on the number of dispensaries allowed in the city.

The procedure for applying for and processing a license is set out. Numerous administrative provisions also address transfers, updating information, costs, renewals, suspension/revocation, enforcement, etc. A provision requires licenses to remain in active use or be subject to suspension/revocation.

A number of provisions are then established regarding the actual operation of a cannabis establishment. These are general guidelines for things a cannabis establishment can, can't, or must do. They touch on topics from bookkeeping, building layout, security measures, signage, etc. Insurance requirements are also set.

A few activities relating to cannabis as it relates to the general public are also included. These relate to use of cannabis and the provisions mirror state law.

For more detail on all these topics, see the ordinance itself.