

From: [Terry Spader](#)
To: [Council Members](#)
Subject: 12 plant count and cannabis club ban.
Date: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 7:58:24 AM

Hi, my name is Terry and I need more than a 12 plant count so I can have enough plant to make edibles. My disease needs the medicine to be taken by mouth not smoked. Before I was able to take my medicine on a regular basis, I couldn't even get out of bed with out being sick. How is it you people can decide if I should be sick or not. I have a beautiful son that I want to be here for and be able to do things with. It's immoral and inhumane to make the people of your city suffer.

I and a lot of people have to put up with the drunks and all the alcohol that is legal. Alcohol is not even considered a medicine in any way shape or form. Why is it legal to have a bar? Why is it legal to own as much alcohol as possible? Even if a patient didn't grow it, he or she can only have a certain amount. This is all a big game to you guys.

If you ban cannabis clubs it's only fair that all alcohol bars need to be closed. I will start a petition to make Colorado Springs a dry town if I have to. If a regular bar is OK then these are definitely OK.

From: [Julie Schultz Duff](#)
To: [Marijuana Task Force Mailbox - SMB](#)
Subject: Effects growers have on people when the odor permeates their home
Date: Saturday, March 05, 2016 1:07:01 PM

To whom it may concern:

I am very interested in speaking with you about the experience I am having living in an apartment with a grower connected directly to my own apartment. I have been fighting this for 7 months with the complex and it's owners. Although there is no contact highs the hideous odor that permeates my apartment, especially my bedroom and bathrooms has caused lack of sleep (up to 4 days straight), not being able to enter my apartment because the smell was so bad I would have to air it out before entering, anxiety, panic attacks, constant bouts with colds/flu, mental breakdowns and so much more. I am 100% disabled and it has exacerbated my problems dramatically. I have PTSD and it has gotten increasingly worse over the last 7 months. I have numerous doctors who are supporting me with this problem.

I support medical marijuana but I don't want to live with the odor in a place I pay a lot of rent for. After speaking with a grower he told me that the plant is 100 time more potent when blooming or in the drying process than smoking it. I have begged for help! From the complex to police, code enforcement, lawyers, TV stations, the newspaper all to no avail. Technically the growers could have been evicted under the nuisance clause of the lease but the apartment complex took no action. Also because I am disabled and it is directly effecting my health they had 5 days to move me to another comparable apartment paying all moving expenses. Obviously they did not do this. They just bullied me through making promises they never kept. I have filed with the ACLU and I am awaiting a response. I don't know if the will help but most people don't even have access to this.

There needs to be somebody that people can go to to hold these people accountable. Who is that going to be? There are so many loopholes in the law that nobody will stand up and say your right this is wrong and it needs fixed. These problems are getting bigger and bigger. Every day there is a fire, an explosion, a bust for too many plants, hazardous conditions that put lives at risk. This is another side to the legalization that nobody thought about. It has been so bad for me that went from angry to anxiety to panic attacks to full blown meltdowns. I can't drive through the community and come across the path of a growing facility and have a breakdown when smelling the pungent odor. I have had to call my therapist to calm me down. Smell is our strongest sense and this my forever be a problem for me.

I don't know if this is on your list of items to consider but it should be. If you need more information I'm certain any of my doctors would be glad to speak with you and my therapist can tell you about the effects this can cause on people's mental health. My orthopedic neck

surgeon who also is a lawyer in the state of Colorado is furious. This is a serious matter and I won't stop until it is recognized and people have a way to get help.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Julie a, Schultz Duff

From: [Paul Seeling](#)
To: [Marijuana Task Force Mailbox - SMB](#); [Council Members](#)
Subject: Follow-up on Statements Made at Mr. Knights Public Comment Meeting Concerning Marijuana Social Clubs
Date: Thursday, February 25, 2016 10:41:58 AM
Attachments: [New poll shows more Coloradans opposed to legal marijuana.docx](#)

City Council Men & Women and Marijuana Task Force Members,

I spoke at Mr. Knight's Public Comments Meeting on Marijuana Social Clubs Tuesday evening and stated something to the effect that a poll taken recently indicates a possible shift in public opinion on the value of legalizing marijuana in Colorado. I was immediately greeted by shouts from the audience questioning repeatedly "What polls?"

In an effort to answer that legitimate question, and since my comments and the raucous response by the crowd were reported by both KRDO and The Gazette Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning, and to assure you that I was not glibly making statements unsupported by facts should you as well be asked about the accuracy of this information, here is the link to the story that appeared in the Gazette back in August of last year to which I referring:

<http://gazette.com/new-poll-shows-more-coloradans-opposed-to-legal-marijuana/article/1558046>

I also attach a copy of the article cleaned up of links and extraneous internet documentation for your reference should you need it while away from internet connectivity.

Thanks for your work in behalf of our city and its citizens.

Very Respectfully,

Paul Seeling

From: [Hope White](#)
To: [Council Members](#)
Subject: FW: Cannabis Rule
Date: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 12:23:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)

This email showed most of these as failed so I am sending again. Forgive the late date.

Hope White

From: Hope White
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 1:35 PM
To: 'Bagley, Larry'
Cc: 'mbennett@springsgov.com'; 'jgaebler@springsgov.com'; 'dknight@springsgov.com'; 'kcking@springsgov.com'; 'hcollins@springsgov.com'; 'apico@springsgov.com'; 'bmurray@springsgov.com'; 'tstrand@springsgov.com'; 'jsuthers@springsgov.com'; 'LeeRichards@elpasoco.com'; 'billie.stantonanleu@gazette.com'
Subject: RE: Cannabis Rule

Mr. Bagley,

Thank you so much for your sentiment, I appreciate it, and I really appreciate your working to pass this ordinance.

I do not feel sorry for myself and am not looking for sympathy because of my situations. I have gone through a very hard trial and am seeing success for my children because their attitudes are different due to creating boundaries and being the "mean" parent. What I would like is for this to be viewed as sharing the hard facts about drug abuse from experience over a 30 year period and where it starts and how we will suffer in the very near future as a community and nation if a hard line is not taken about young people smoking pot. It has been scientifically proven that it affects their brains and bodies both in potential psychoses (see Gazette article referenced in first email) and our immune systems (see American Health, *Marijuana, Morphine, Drugs that Suppress Immunity*, November 1986 - we knew that long ago - and I have a copy if you'd like to read it).

I am currently helping another individual out of an addiction. I intend to continue in this direction and do whatever I can to help individuals and families through the maze of getting help. My children had to get into the legal system before help was available to them. As much as I am thankful for the "system" helping them, it is unfortunate that they had to become felons or near felons before help was accessed. I have been trying for years to find the services needed on a free or volunteer basis. Our community does not have as much available as we would all like to think. My brother who died in 2003 from alcohol poisoning was kept from Lighthouse because the manager there at the time did not want to tell me about "emergency intake" even though she was the emergency intake coordinator. He died 3 weeks later - on the day I found out that information. I am currently preparing a document

that I will publish to the internet with the information I have gathered with as much more as I can glean from sources I have found to help those who need it. As much as people want to help in our community, one person does not know what the other person is doing or capable of. With the immense workload the judicial system has from the probation officers, district attorneys and public defenders, there is just no way they have time to figure it out either. And I would like to see more done to prevent these cases from being presented by having education and intervention programs in place to give everyone - parents and children alike - more real reasons not to use drugs and alcohol in the first place.

Again, thank you for working to pass this ordinance. It is very much needed.

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From: Bagley, Larry [<mailto:LBagley@springsgov.com>]
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2015 10:29 PM
To: Hope White
Subject: RE: Cannabis Rule

Thank you for sharing your experiences. It is hard I know. We do what we can.

Larry Bagley
District 2, City Council
Cell 719-822-4232

From: Hope White [<mailto:ahopenow@comcast.net>]
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2015 4:40 PM
To: Bennett, Merv; Gaebler, Jill; Knight, Don; Bagley, Larry; King, Keith; Collins, Helen; Pico, Andy; Murray, Bill; Strand, Tom; Suthers, John; LeeRichards@elpasoco.com; billie.stantonanleu@gazette.com
Subject: Cannabis Rule

Ladies and Gentlemen of Colorado Springs City Council, Honorable Mayor John Suthers, and District Attorney Daniel May:

Thank you so much for having a desire to make laws stronger against marijuana for those under 18 caught with paraphernalia here in Colorado Springs.

I am a mother who lives in School District 12 who has had first-hand experience with the rampant drug issues which have overrun our city in the last 10 years. I have spent 2 years in Drug Court with my oldest and have another year to go with my youngest. My youngest is currently in Salvation Army ARC and my oldest was recently sentenced to 5 years in DOC for crimes related to drug abuse. I have also had first-hand experience as a sister who has two dead brothers because of drug abuse and so have been working diligently with authorities and our judicial system to get my children to choose to be out and off of drugs. Fortunately, our system here in Colorado Springs has helped tremendously.

There is an article in the Gazette, on November 1 I found particularly interesting: *A Threat to Young Adult Brains*. And the subtitle speaks volumes: *Marijuana-induced psychosis becomes an issue in discussion of the side effects of pot use*. This article addresses the experience of one young man who committed suicide because of what pot did to his brain. I have known of these issues' existence about pot use for a very long time and now these things are being made public. I just wish we would have had more of this information before the laws legalizing marijuana were passed. My personal belief, from my experience and from articles like the one mentioned, is that anyone under 24 should not be smoking pot because of the potential for psychosis, i.e., schizophrenia and bi-polar issues, that can develop because of use at a young age and damage to young brains. The strength of the THC in pot today is so much stronger than pot smoked in the 60s when this craze started and so the side effects are so much stronger as well.

I appreciate and am glad for the actual and bona fide "medical" use of marijuana and understand the benefits of CBD production and use. However, I have also seen people, when legalization of medical marijuana took effect, go to a doctor and get a prescription written for the medical use of marijuana just so they could legally smoke it.

My youngest told me that smoking marijuana is a gateway to other drugs. "You get high and then you want to get higher so you go to the next drug".

I did NOT vote for legalizing medical marijuana nor did I vote for legalizing recreational marijuana. Please pass this ordinance for the City of Colorado Springs and help make the system stronger. Get these young people into treatment and education requirements when ticketed. The rampant drug abuse we are experiencing across the country will affect our economy very soon when these people are unable to work or function (we have a lot of that showing up already). Being strict against the use and abuse under age now will help change that first here, and then hopefully nationally. When our society desires money over making sure our young people can think and function, we are certainly spiraling down a slippery slope from which we may not be able to recover. Passing this ordinance is an important step to seeing a turn-around for at-risk youth now and in the future.

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From: [Ronnie Schilling](#)
To: [Marijuana Task Force Mailbox - SMB](#)
Subject: Fw: Please send me your insights
Date: Wednesday, January 06, 2016 6:19:26 PM

On Thursday, December 31, 2015 3:35 PM, Ronnie Schilling wrote:

Sir,

Thanks for asking for citizen input on the referenced questions. My thoughts are:

1. Assuming you're asking about home grow operations for personal use, I believe there should be no restrictions whatsoever other than those outlined in the state law (number of plants, etc.). If you're asking about home grow operations for commercial sales, I would like to see these restricted to non-neighborhood areas, but allowed for those that have at least 5 acres of land. Said another way, I have no issues if any of my neighbors grow for personal use within the limits established by the state statute, but I don't want any commercial grow operations in my neighborhood.
2. Commercial hash oil operations should only take place in commercially zoned areas, but allowable in those areas.
3. Established commercial grow operations operating in commercially zoned areas should not be restricted. I do not favor creating a new zoning category specific to commercial grow operations. If the grow operations take place in a commercial area, then that's ok; after all, commercial areas are for commercial endeavors.

Thanks again for soliciting input from the general public.

Ron

From: CM Larry Bagley, MJ Task Force Chair [mailto:mjtaskforce@springsgov.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2015 5:24 PM
To: SCHILLING, RONNIE R III GS-13 USAF 721 CS/SCP
Subject: Please send me your insights

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From: [joyce morris](#)
To: [Council Members](#)
Subject: Fwd: Marijuana Moratorium
Date: Saturday, March 05, 2016 7:09:48 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: "joyce morris"
Date: Mar 5, 2016 7:06 PM
Subject: Marijuana Moratorium
To: <allcouncil@springs.gov>

Dear Council Members;

It is with deep appreciation I thank you for taking the time to consider the impact that legalization is having on our neighborhoods and community as a whole.

Please, let's start by remembering that marijuana is a potent drug. It is not the pot of the 60's or 70's.

Medical marijuana was the foot in the door which led to the push for legalization. It seems we were not able to properly regulate medical users, allowing easy access by way of a red card for ailments far beyond what the compassionate voters were originally told. Who would have thought: hash, edibles, wax, shatter, sodas, etc. and THC levels above 20%, which is considered a hard drug in the Netherlands, would be all be available!

We put the cart in front of the horse and the pro-pot advocates took off running.

An honor system by which people can grow pot at home is NOT working!

Not consuming in public is NOT working!

Not smoking while driving is NOT working!

Keeping pot out of the hands of minors, is NOT working!

Our City's right to opt out of recreational pot sales has been manipulated by Social Clubs that exchange 'membership fees' for pot!

Firefighters are put at risk by hash oil explosions and illegal home grows where wiring and other alterations to the home cause dangerous conditions.

How many dispensaries do we need? Two one block down the street from my home is too many!

A grow facility one block south of my home is too close! The strong 'skunk' smell of bud should not be what children or any of us should have to smell! Take them out and keep them out of our neighborhoods!

Please consider the health and safety of our children and neighborhoods.

We want to breathe clean Colorado air.

Most sincerely,

Joyce Morris
(WestSider)

From: longinosjr@aol.com
To: [Marijuana Task Force Mailbox - SMB](#)
Subject: Fwd: Please send me your insights (MJ Task Force)
Date: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 12:01:07 PM

Thanks for the opportunity to provide input to the mjtaskforce. Regarding the questions, here is my input.

1. Home Grow operations: What restrictions, if any, should be imposed regarding location? I believe the city should match the restrictions of the county which caps the total # of plants per household (12) regardless of how many adults live in the house or have MMJ caregiver "rights" for others. Here is the county's link to their recent ordinance regarding this restriction:
<http://adm.elpasoco.com/Development%20Services/Documents/Marijuana%20Info/MJ%20temp%20regs%20for%20cultivation%20rez15-351.pdf>
2. Commercial Hash Oil production: What concerns do you have, if any? I'm concerned about the fire safety with regards to the combustible compounds utilized in producing hash oil. Ban the most hazardous/high risk options and perhaps limit the amount that can be purchased at a time of the other less, but still fire hazard materials if it is sold at a marijuana store or supply store.
3. Commercial grows: Should we consider relocating/rezoning large-scale commercial grows, currently allowed in commercial zones? consider a buffer zone restriction for buildings that house large scale grow facilities from residential housing (ie. approved large scale commercial grows can be no closer than XXXX ft from nearest residence neighborhood).

v/r,

Longinos Gonzalez Jr.

-----Original Message-----

From: CM Larry Bagley, MJ Task Force Chair <mjtaskforce@springsgov.com>
To:
Sent: Wed, Dec 30, 2015 5:24 pm
Subject: Please send me your insights

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Dear Longinos,

As the Marijuana Task Force moves forward to meet the requirements of the Medical Marijuana Moratorium, I am reaching out to you for your insight and comments regarding the following critical questions:

1. Home Grow operations: What restrictions, if any, should be imposed regarding location?
2. Commercial Hash Oil production: What concerns do you have, if any?
3. Commercial grows: Should we consider relocating/rezoning large-scale commercial grows, currently allowed in commercial zones?

Please email your responses to mjtaskforce@springsgov.com

Thank you in advance for your support and input. I look forward to working together!

Sincerely,
Larry

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107 N. Nevada Ave., 80903

From: [Ellen Johnson-Fay](#)
To: [Marijuana Task Force Mailbox - SMB](#)
Subject: input to Task Force
Date: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 3:05:25 PM

Dear Larry,

I appreciate your inquiry about questions relating to Marijuana availability in Colorado Springs and am glad to hear that you are chairing the task force. I'm confident you'll do a thorough job of seeking input and sorting out the varied replies you're likely to receive! You'll see from my comments below that I've had a favorable experience with marijuana and don't see it as a big threat to our community.

I recently received a medical marijuana card to alleviate pain in my right shoulder from a rotator cuff tear and I am impressed with how helpful the topical salve is - no other pain reliever compares. I am convinced that we have nothing to fear from medical marijuana and everything to gain from encouraging it's growth, production and availability.

I recognize the challenge to distinguish medical marijuana from recreational marijuana but this needs to be done. I am aware that careless use of recreational marijuana can lead to harm, but I think it's hypocritical and counter productive to think this is a reason to restrict it's growth and production. Alcohol is still a much more harmful substance, it's available everywhere and multitudes of people overuse and cause harm under the influence.

There should be consequences for "driving under the influence" of recreational marijuana but I'm not sure how that would be determined - it's worth the effort to do the research needed to determine reasonable limits.

I don't think it's necessary to relocate or rezone large scale commercial grows in commercial zones any more than breweries should be prevented from proliferating - I personally am more concerned about the proliferation of breweries and the consequences of the high consumption of alcoholic beverages in our community.

I hope this is helpful input.

The Rev. Dr. Ellen Johnson-Fay
Minister Emerita All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church

What I want is so simple I almost can't say it: elementary kindness. Enough to eat, enough to go around. The possibility that one day kids might grow up to be neither the destroyer nor the destroyed. - Barbara Kingsolver

From: [Koa28](#)
To: [Council Members](#)
Subject: Legalize recreational cannabis clubs in Colorado Springs for Veterans!
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 10:53:27 AM

Dear City Council of Colorado Springs,

I urge you to take more time to listen to the citizens of your city. Bottom line up front, legalize recreational cannabis clubs.

I speak as a member of the overwhelming veteran population that resides in Colorado Springs. We need a safe public place to go to consume cannabis. Not everyone owns a home and nearly all rental properties prohibit the consumption of cannabis. If you decide to further prohibit the use of cannabis by closing these clubs and prevent the opening of new clubs, where will your veteran population resort to?

Are you willing to shut down safe social havens for the men and women who served our country?

I am trying to prevent the 22 suicides that happen everyday by our veterans. We have been given medication that turns us into zombies at best. Most of us have found that cannabis has helped not only physical ailments of pain but helped reduce the adverse effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

So again I urge you to listen to the citizens of Colorado Springs. We need better regulation of the recreational cannabis industry. Legalize clubs for cannabis consumption.

Thank you for your time,
Mike Lockett
US ARMY RET, CPT
COLORADO SPRINGS

Bio: C-6 incomplete tetraplegic. Injured August 2011. Time of military service 2008-2013.

From: [Umphress, Steve](#)
To: [Council Members](#)
Subject: Marijuana Clubs in Colorado Springs - OPPOSED
Date: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:56:37 AM

Dear Council President Bennett and Council Members,

I am opposed to the establishment of marijuana clubs within the city of Colorado Springs. Such clubs are a thinly veiled attempt to circumvent current law which bans the sale of recreational marijuana within the Colorado Springs city limits. Please vote to ban such clubs and for the phasing out of existing clubs as soon as possible.

Steve Umphress

Resident since 1974.

From: [Chuck Reed](#)
To: [Council Members](#)
Subject: Marijuana Debate
Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 12:29:14 PM

Members of the Colorado Springs City Council,
Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to read this message.

My family and I have lived in the 80909 Zip Code since 1975, and until the past few years it has been a wonderful area to live, work and raise children.

Since the legalization of Marijuana, however, that has changed. According to the State of Colorado there are currently thirty registered/licensed medical marijuana businesses in the 80909 Zip Code. In addition there are also several (we don't know exactly how many) MJ clubs (like the Lazy Lion and 3BUDS and Rocky Mountain Miracles...all within a couple of blocks on East Bijou) where people can go and consume MJ. Because of their close proximity traffic on Bijou and our street...Dudley Blvd...has increased a lot. We have small children who play close to those streets and on a typical Friday evening cars and trucks are whizzing past...I hold my breath when the kids are playing out there. Not only that, but there is a "clinic" within a few hundred feet (less than 800') of two or three of these establishments where people get help for their addictions.

Just this morning (Tuesday, 02/23/2016), ***BETWEEN 9 and 9:30 AM...*** I walked my dog along Bijou and when we passed a couple of the MJ places we ran smack into the foul odor of MJ, from clear across the street. It may sound crazy but I said to my dog, "Toto, I've a feeling we're not in beautiful, healthful Colorado Springs anymore."

And, I'm sure that if the police were to stop people leaving these places on a Friday or Saturday evening they could write numerous tickets because people leaving them are higher than the legal limit. Exacerbating the problem is a bikini bar next door to the Lazy Lion...and several others only a few hundred feet away on Platte Avenue. It seems to me that on average we hear gunfire in the vicinity at least once every week to ten days. And, I am frequently woken by noise from the bikini bar and the Lazy Lion...after one o'clock in the morning.

There is no way this can be called "progress" or a safe and pleasant place to live, work and raise a family! And, I haven't even mentioned the prostitutes that can be found plying their trade on nearby streets when the weather permits them to wander around. Our peaceful and pleasant little community has become seedy and caters to an element of society that threatens our safety and welfare.

Having said all of that I want to register my objection to the Marijuana businesses being allowed in our neighborhood...and ask that they be closed down. I know you all are discussing laws regarding some of the MJ businesses...and I want to go on record suggesting that as a minimum that they have to go through the old petition process before they can locate in any neighborhood...just like bars and taverns.

Again, thank you for taking the time to read my note...

Sincerely,

Charles V. (Chuck) Reed

From: [Dean Tollefson](#)
To: [Bagley, Larry](#)
Cc: pthaag_2@hotmail.com
Subject: Marijuana Grow Houses
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2016 11:43:20 AM

Dear Larry,

I have just viewed the slides of marijuana grow houses provided by Sergeant Roger Vargason and Detective Adam Hughes.

This is ridiculous. Homes were not designed to be turned into agricultural production facilities! Where is common sense these days? Marijuana grow facilities need to be in commercial buildings designed for this purpose and located in areas of the city zoned industrial or agricultural, not in residential areas of the city. When is our City Council going to have the guts to make some common sense decisions concerning this issue.

We have a grow house in our neighborhood already. It has industrial air exchangers outside the house as well as air vents mounted on the side of the garage. It has already done something to the Colorado Springs Utilities electric supply system in that area. I saw the CSU trucks there one day working on their systems because of that grow house. The driveway concrete even had to be demolished in one area in order to repair the service line. Who paid for that work? We the taxpayers?

Is it going to take a gas explosion and people being killed for the City Council to act properly on this issue?

Dean Tollefson

From: [Sharon K Lowe](#)
To: [Marijuana Task Force Mailbox - SMB](#)
Subject: Marijuana issues
Date: Sunday, January 03, 2016 2:04:17 PM

Yes we need to relocate these grow shops to industrial area's of Colorado springs, the smell of these are awful.

From: [Zornes, Barb](#)
To: [Council Members](#)
Subject: Marijuana law and clubs
Date: Tuesday, March 01, 2016 11:36:49 AM

I voted against legalization of marijuana and feel the passage of Amendment 64 has hurt our beautiful state (and even some surrounding states). I am completely against pot clubs in our city and agree with Councilman Knight that these clubs should be banned.

I also feel the use of medical marijuana should be more closely regulated and monitored as I know several people who have received "licenses" because of ailments that can be treated by other means. (I am, however, in favor of limited use of MMJ for cancer patients and those who truly benefit from using it for specific illnesses or conditions when nothing else works for them.)

Barbara Zornes
Colorado Springs

From: [Bruce Harrington](#)
To: [Marijuana Task Force Mailbox - SMB](#); [Bagley, Larry](#)
Subject: marijuana task force comments
Date: Saturday, January 02, 2016 11:44:36 AM

Larry,

Thanks for inviting citizen input. Below is my response to the City Council questionnaire in December 2014, when you so well defeated me in the eight vote race for District 2. I see the principles better perhaps than the details. I would certainly entertain a proposal to eliminate marijuana sales in the City altogether, but I of course don't have to deal with the political consequences from those who don't agree. I wish the City would limit the industry as much as possible. Again, I trust you and thank you for taking on this responsibility.

Legal retail marijuana makes some sense. "Bring it out into the open, make it visible, and tax it." Prohibition hasn't worked in the past, and certainly hasn't quashed a sizeable illegal underground drug trade. People can "grow their own" or magically find a "medical" need and satisfy their desire. So retail marijuana might complement if not replace the illegal trade. The City would benefit from tax revenue, instead of losing much of it to Manitou Springs. The City might also lose federal military installations. The economic side of the argument has risks and rewards - local and regional - that must be considered.

That isn't the only side of the story however. Marijuana is still illegal federally. To enact a contrary view locally - even if legal by state law - diminishes respect for the principle of law itself. That is a huge negative in my mind.

Solid medical research, though minimal, indicates significant adverse long-term health consequences from marijuana use. I cannot see it beneficial for the City to promote long-term damage to its citizenry.

Finally, and perhaps more importantly, the goal of marijuana consumption seems to be intoxication or impairment. To encourage intoxication and impairment by legalizing retail sales of marijuana is in my mind foolish. We need to encourage full faculty engagement in our world, not escapist retreat.

I understand many view this differently. We who disagree should graciously express our principles and views - and agree to disagree agreeably.

I appreciate you and your leadership. Thanks, BH

Brewster (Bruce) Harrington

From: [Tad Bowler](#)
To: [Bagley, Larry](#)
Subject: Marijuana Task Force Information and Request for inputs
Date: Monday, January 04, 2016 3:53:05 PM

From: **Bagley, Larry** <L.Bagley@springsgov.com>
Date: Fri, Dec 18, 2015 at 9:29 PM
Subject: Marijuana Task Force Information and Request for inputs
To: Marijuana Task Force Mailbox - SMB <mjtaskforce@springsgov.com>

Dear Citizens:

As the Marijuana Task Force moves forward to address concerns and work to meet the requirements of the Medical Marijuana Moratorium, we will be soliciting public input in order to reach fair and reasonable outcomes. For this reason, we are reaching out to you for your insight and comments regarding critical questions that have been raised.

In addition, we have also established a dedicated email address: mjtaskforce@springsgov.com to receive comments and questions, and are creating a Task Force website that will serve as a resource for upcoming meetings and agendas, past meeting minutes and all other pertinent documentation.

Our next Task Force meeting will be held in January – date to-be-determined – and I would appreciate your insight and comments regarding the questions below by Jan. 4. Please email your responses to mjtaskforce@springsgov.com.

Thank you in advance for your support and input.

Questions:

1. Home Grow operations (defined as residential units (single family and other) that are housing any number of plants): What should the plant count be for residential grows? How should do we address the uncontrolled, large (over 100 plants) caregiver grows in residential areas? What restrictions, if any, should be imposed regarding location?

I suggest using Denver or Pueblo as models, with total limits of twelve plants, including both Rec and Med Counts. No larger "commercial" production to be allowed in residential. Limit those with the proper documents of 36-99 plants from CDPHE to Industrial zoned areas only, not residential or agriculture. CDPHE should have directive on this as far as plant counts over 36. These also need to have a minimum of annual City inspections, that include proper booking as to show this is a true non profit, and they should be set up as non profits as well for accounting reasons.

2. Commercial Hash Oil production: What concerns do you have, if any? What steps should

we take to address Fire Department's concerns about processes and components that may be hazardous and could result in explosions and or flash fires?

Not too many concerns for commercial production as long as the equipment is UL or ETL listed. I do not believe there have been any explosions or flash fires with proper equipment. A room properly designed to contain an explosion or flash fire should suffice as well, this is a typical requirement in Denver. Denver's 1000 foot rule from any residence (including being Industrial zoned, which may be appropriate) seems unnecessarily prohibitive relating to the known safety of commercial extractor facilities that are built to special codes with several redundant safety requirements.

3. Commercial grows: Should we consider relocating/rezoning large-scale commercial grows, currently allowed in commercial zones, in industrial or agricultural locations in order to control traffic and odor issues and to mitigate public safety risks?

All grows should be located in Industrial zoned areas only, similar to Denver. I would imagine many other types of businesses also have odor issues and can only be located in Industrial or Agricultural zoned areas. Commercially zoned areas should not be allowed going forward and existing ones should be allowed to continue to operate as long as they remain in good standing and are conscientious neighbors.

4. Dispensaries: With current state and local regulations in mind, what changes, if any, do you think are required for regulating MMJ dispensaries? With the "Gas and Grass"-type operation—should there be co-location limitations associated with business models? How should we coordinate with other entities— cities, county, state, etc.—to ensure consistency, synergy?

Colorado Springs is a Home Rule City, one of the things that makes Colorado so great. Colorado Springs should not necessarily coordinate with other municipalities "to ensure consistency" it is none of our business how other products are to be sold at Medical Marijuana Centers in other municipalities, and likewise in many other circumstances I do not believe Colorado Springs would want other municipalities wanting to regulate us. Though open dialogue is great thing, as to see what is working and what is not. Current regulations concerning Medical Marijuana state that "products cannot be sold for less than cost of goods", and as such, gas should not be sold at "cost". It could create unfair market advantage.

5. What changes or recommendations should we consider to mitigate the public safety concerns raised by neighbors and public safety professionals? How should we deal with those who are blatantly disregarding the laws in order to be equitable to those who are abiding by the laws?

The State of Colorado has several resources available (regarding cannabis) for parents, teachers, tourists, Adult Use, and others regarding safe use and handling of marijuana. Colorado Springs should embrace several of these widely published and available resources through the Governor's office, MED and DOR. There is also available funds from the Marijuana Recreational excise and sales taxes to be used for these purposes.

The Colorado Legislature created many new laws last year regarding those who blatantly break the law. Some of these new laws afford juveniles a second chance, so as not for these types of violations to affect their records.

Local Law enforcement and prosecutors should be clear on what those new laws are in order to better enforce them when appropriate, as many have changed.

Thanks for your interest and participation,

Truly,

Thomas Bowler

Colorado Springs resident and voter

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From: [Marilyn Wagers](#)
To: [Marijuana Task Force Mailbox - SMB](#)
Subject: Marijuana Task Force
Date: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 3:49:56 PM

Dear Task Force Members,

I think home grow should not be allowed in residential areas.

Hash oil and edibles should not be allowed period.

Marijuana is destroying our community and is out of control, medical marijuana included. You can drive through neighborhoods and smell it growing, go to what once was nice strip malls and there are pot shops and you smell it. Not only has crime gone up because of it but it is not producing enough tax money to make up for the damage it is creating. It is now more accessible to teens and younger children than ever before. Television ads tell kids of the dangers of smoking cigarettes but yet the state tells them that smoking or eating pot is just fine. Now you tell me just what is wrong with this picture.

The city and state need to come up with some way of doing away with all of it. Every one said if it was legal it could be regulated, they lied.

Thank You for asking my opinion.

You know that everything I say is true and that I am not alone in my opinion.

You must some how get rid of marijuana (medical included) before its to late to save our beautiful city.

If pot is so valuable as a medicine then it needs to be with a prescription and dispensed by a drug store just like any other addictive drug.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I only hope that you will take into consideration some of the things I have mentioned.

Marilyn Wagers

From: [Mary Ann Paulsen](#)
To: [Council Members](#)
Subject: marijuana
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 10:55:07 AM

Why not just acknowledge marijuana as what it really is ... a useful pharmaceutical. Add it to the register and it would be covered by all the statutes currently in place re: pharmaceuticals, including quality control. No more endless debate resulting in piecemeal results which have to be re-visited many times in future. It would be prescribed by physicians like any other pharmaceutical, available without struggle to people who would truly benefit .. much more difficult to obtain by the people who peddle it to our schoolkids. Maybe enough so that at least some of them would find honest employment.

From: [Ann Hall](#)
To: [Marijuana Task Force Mailbox - SMB](#)
Subject: Medical Marijuana
Date: Thursday, January 07, 2016 11:04:31 AM

As a citizen of Colorado, I am against any form of Marijuana in our state. Colorado has had so many articles printed, news briefs and a lot of negative publicity concerning this issue----I am totally against having it legal in this state since it is not legal on the federal level. I do think Colorado has hurt it's image for tourists as well as attracting newcomers to reside in this state. I do know quite a few people including some very well known Conservative Republicans who will no longer vacation in Colorado since Marijuana was voted in---this has cost the state a lot of money. The few that have been attracted because of the Marijuana have not made up for the loss.

From: SJ43@
To: [Marijuana Task Force Mailbox - SMB](#)
Subject: MJ Odors
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 1:05:47 PM

I Have Seen that the Task Force has Talked Some about Controlling Odors. I own a commercial Building and also a rental House in the Knob Hill Area. The Night Time Odor in this Area is Terrible . I Have Had a 10 year tenant have to Move as the Odor is so bad. every Night. Can The Task Force do any thing about Controlling these very strong Odor's ? Require Filters or something ? I Pay my Property tax and feel That I should not have to be subjected to the Over Welling Odor, Every Night. I am not against the Fact that it is Here, But If I produced terrible odor's from my Business, I am sure that something would be said about it. I have been in Business in this area for 44 years, and feel that I should not have to be Subjected to this Terrible Smell in the Air every Night. So I am Hoping that the Task Force will take into consideration the property Owners in these area's that do not want to put up with this Very Strong offensive smell... Thanks For Your Time Snake Yates Owner Snake's Tattoo Co. .

From: [Joel Aigner](#)
To: [Marijuana Task Force Mailbox - SMB](#)
Subject: MJ Task Force Questionnaire
Date: Monday, January 04, 2016 10:23:37 AM

Hi,

Please see below and let me know if you desire any further elaboration or clarity. Thanks!

Questions:

1. Home Grow operations (defined as residential units (single family and other) that are housing any number of plants): What should the plant count be for residential grows? How should do we address the uncontrolled, large (over 100 plants) caregiver grows in residential areas? What restrictions, if any, should be imposed regarding location?

A cancer or epilepsy patient may easily require 1g-2g per day, or 30g-60g per month, of Cannabis Oil. To produce this much requires 300g-600g of dried plant material to produce (the yield is actually closer to 8-9%, as opposed to 10% but we'll round this up for the sake of ease). There is generally a 80% weight loss due to the product drying and curing after harvest, so to produce this much takes 1,500-3000g of wet plant material (53 oz or 3.3lbs – 106 oz or 6.6lbs). You average indoor plant is likely to produce 1.5-2oz per plant, which means that such a patient would need to be serviced by 26-50 plants per month, and being that we're looking at 3 month life cycles, on average, there would have to be between 75-150 plants being grown on that person behalf at any given time for them to have enough product for them to manage their conditions.

We recommend honoring the State Constitution, and therefore the Physician's Recommendation for the Plant Count, as long as the electrical and hvac work is properly permitted, and the source of water legal.

2. Commercial Hash Oil production: What concerns do you have, if any? What steps should we take to address Fire Department's concerns about processes and components that may be hazardous and could result in explosions and or flash fires?

In the law that Hickenlooper signed into effect it exempts at home ethanol extraction from the Ban and Denver Fire allows for at home Ethanol extraction as long as the quantity of ethanol does nto exceed 12 oz's per extraction. This is the process used by those patients, or those that serve them, use to extract the oil mentioned above. This oil is often hard to find on dispensary shelves, due to profit motive. Simply put, one can turn 1,000g of plant material into 150g of shatter/wax, but only 80g-100g of Ethanol Extracted Oil.

We recommend that Colorado Springs modify it's existing ban on at home extractions to

mirror that of Denver's and to allow for at home ethanol extraction with a similar limitation on quantity .

3. Commercial grows: Should we consider relocating/rezoning large-scale commercial grows, currently allowed in commercial zones, in industrial or agricultural locations in order to control traffic and odor issues and to mitigate public safety risks?

At this point we've yet to see a compelling argument as to what problem this might solve, outside of speculative generalities.

We recommend that zoning remain as is.

4. Dispensaries: With current state and local regulations in mind, what changes, if any, do you think are required for regulating MMJ dispensaries? With the "Gas and Grass"-type operation—should there be co-location limitations associated with business models? How should we coordinate with other entities— cities, county, state, etc.—to ensure consistency, synergy?

The Department of Revenue already dictates limitations such as the prohibition of non-infused consumables which is quite inclusive and is interpreted by enforcement to mean that Dispensaries can't even give away bottled water, or serve coffee in their waiting rooms, while merely intended to prohibit the selling of tobacco, alcohol and non-MJ food items. While the Gas and Grass model is admittedly novel, there is nothing inherently threatening to Public Safety that we can see.

5. What changes or recommendations should we consider to mitigate the public safety concerns raised by neighbors and public safety professionals? How should we deal with those who are blatantly disregarding the laws in order to be equitable to those who are abiding by the laws?

As with all potential crimes, there must be a "victim". And the victim should already have redress and remedy within the system as it already exists. Such violations of a victim's rights should be assessed on case by case basis. Please note that enforcement already exists through the Police Officers that serve as Inspectors for the MED. One need not be "blatant" to face the negative consequences of Enforcement as merely being potentially inaccurate when entering data into the State's Seed-to-Sale RFID tracking system is considered a violation that can lead to serious penalties. Law breakers should face consequences, and citizens should have a forum in which to voice their concerns. Perhaps a Cannabis Commission would be an appropriate vehicle for such a body.

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Joel Aigner
Director of Products and Services

From: [Laura Nelson](#)
To: [Marijuana Task Force Mailbox - SMB](#)
Cc: [Bagley, Larry](#)
Subject: MJ Task Force
Date: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 1:17:21 PM
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)
[MJ lease addendums-01052016101625.pdf](#)

Larry,

It was great visiting with you this morning regarding the work of the MJ Task Force. Below is the opinion of the Apartment Association which represents the vast majority of rental housing owners in Colorado Springs with over 38,000 units in our membership. I have also attached lease addendums used by our members, one which allows smoking indoors only and one that does not allow it at all. Both addendums do not allow growing.

The Apartment Association of Southern Colorado is against any provision or ordinance that would allow growing marijuana in multi-family or any rental property. The rental housing industry is negatively affected by the growing of marijuana in several ways. Many multifamily properties have utilities that are master metered meaning that the entire property is on one bill. The property manager must divide the utilities evenly among all residents and if some are growing marijuana this could result in higher utilities for their neighbors due to the electricity and water used to grow the plants. Growing these plants can often lead to mold growth in units and increase the cost of repairs once the resident moves out. Crime is yet another issue with growing marijuana, once it is discovered that plants are being grown in a unit criminals will attempt to steal them increasing crime on the property. Increased crime and calls for service result in increased insurance costs for the property. For these reasons and others the Apartment Association of Southern Colorado requests that the Marijuana Task Force not propose growing marijuana plants in rental housing.

I will be at your next meeting should anyone have questions regarding our concerns.

Thanks,

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From: [Raymond Perkins](#)
To: [Marijuana Task Force Mailbox - SMB](#)
Subject: mjtaskforce
Date: Thursday, January 07, 2016 9:38:53 AM

To members of the task force

It is time to clean up the grow sites in the neighborhoods

My neighbor has been growing and selling for aprox. 4 years and sells to anyone including school students
He states that having a red card he is allowed to grow up to 72 plants for him and his spouse

The pot stinks up the neighborhoods

Lowers values of property

Lots of traffic problems (parking and driving on the wrong side of road, parking on the wrong side of road & driving while high)

When Manitou opened up the recreational sale it never slowed down the illegal sales

Thank you
Ray Perkins

From: tjg62@
To: [Bagley, Larry](#); [Jan Doran](#)
Cc: [Gallivan, Tom](#)
Subject: MMJ regs
Date: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 8:38:47 AM

Pls approve regulation that residential growers need to register w/Colorado Springs, especially if they live in townhouses with common walls.

I have no problem w/the regs discussed for commercial grows, especially after our tour

Your tireless work on these issues is appreciated.

Mary & I will be at the council meeting today where she will address the council at

Don Knight's urging

Good luck next week

Tom Gallivan

the concerned citizen

From: [ann.howell](#)
To: [Council Members](#)
Subject: Neighborhood marijuana problem
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 5:37:37 PM

Dear City Council member,

My grandchildren live next door to a "legal" marijuana grow house in a R-1 middle class neighborhood. The cultivate up to fifty plants at a time that are harvested every six to eight weeks. This is a grow house for commercial purposes and belongs in a light industrial area. Two plants can produces up to 32 pounds of marijuana per year so theoretically 50 plants can produce up to 1600 pounds per year. The numbers speak for themselves.

The hazardous stench of these plants at times permeates the neighborhood and is quite offensive for many days at a time. No one wants to live next door to such an operation. This cannot be what the voters intended.

How do you reconcile what is going on at this residence that is zoned R-1 with the Colorado statutes?

Sincerely,

Ann Howell

Marijuana Cultivation, Processing, or Manufacture

It is a crime in Colorado to cultivate or produce more than six marijuana plants for personal use, or for a person to knowingly allow plants to be grown on a property that the person controls. Penalties vary according to the number of plants grown.

Six plants or fewer. Under Amendment 64, if you are older than 21, you may cultivate up to six plants for private personal use. A person who cultivates six or fewer marijuana plants (or knowingly allows such plants to be cultivated on that person's land) for purposes other than private personal use is guilty of a class one misdemeanor. Penalties include between six and 18 months in jail, a fine between \$500 and \$5,000, or both. (Co. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 18-18-406(7.5)(a).)

Between seven and 29 plants. This violation is a class five felony. Penalties include between one and three years in prison, a fine between \$1,000 and \$100,000, or both. (Co. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 18-18-406(7.5)(b).)

30 or more plants; processing or manufacture. Growing more than 30 plants, or conducting marijuana or marijuana concentrate processing operations (or knowingly allowing these activities to occur on one's land) is a class four felony. Penalties include between two and six years in prison, a fine between \$2,000 and \$500,000, or both. (Co. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 18-18-406(6).)

Second processing or manufacturing offenses. A second offense is a class three felony, which carries a mandatory minimum prison sentence of four years. The judge may order the prison sentence extended for up to 12 years, and impose a fine of between \$3,000 and \$750,000. (Co. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 18-18-406(6).)

From: [Joe Jackson](#)
To: [Council Members](#)
Subject: Pot Clubs
Date: Thursday, February 25, 2016 10:00:20 AM

Dear Colorado Springs City Council,

Just read The Gazette's Viewpoint,(Let's put an end to pot club loophole) and would have to agree with them. Its time for the council to take every measure it can to enhance the image of our neighborhoods community and even start action on the so called medical marijuana shops. Just go down West Colorado Ave. and see that it has more medical marijuana shops than any other type business, not a good image for the city knowing that many tourist use Colorado Ave. to travel to Old Colorado City and Manitou Springs.

Thank You For Time and Commitment,
Joe Jackson

From: [KC Stark](#)
To: ["jason warf"; Council Members](#)
Subject: RE: Follow-up From Work Session
Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 9:51:51 AM

Dear City Council,

It has come to my attention that cannabis clubs (and the absolute right of peaceful assembly) are under attack.

Let it be known, **Bill of Rights: Fourth Article:**

“The Freedom of Speech, and of the Press, and **the right of the People peaceably to assemble**, and consult for their common good, and to apply to the Government for a redress of grievances, shall not be infringed.”

It is my suggestion, that any effort to deny cannabis clubs (or any social club) the right of peaceful assembly would be a **violation of the Bill of Rights** and would result in a slew of potential lawsuits.

Private **property rights, private clubs**, and the **rights of assembly** and **freedom of association** have a long and established legal history in our nation. Indeed, it’s what our nation was founded upon.

Regardless if one agrees with cannabis or not, the argument is NOT about cannabis. It’s about equality and our inalienable rights.

Cannabis was legal for the first 10,000 years of recorded history. Let’s not forget why cannabis was deemed illegal in the first place; lies, fear, and loathing.

<http://www.advancedholistichealth.org/history.html>

Harry Anslinger: “Most marijuana smokers are Negroes, Hispanics, jazz musicians, and entertainers. Their satanic music is driven by marijuana, and marijuana smoking by white women makes them want to seek sexual relations with Negroes, entertainers, and others. It is a drug that causes insanity, criminality, and death -- the most violence-causing drug in the history of mankind.”

Let’s end reefer madness and stand for equality and defend the Bill of Rights.

Respectfully,

KC Stark
Founder, Studio A64.

From: jason warf
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 9:34 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Follow-up From Work Session

Good morning. I wanted to send an email this morning to address a couple of things that were said by Councilman Knight during yesterday's address on private clubs.

First, Studio A64 was absolutely Grandfathered in under a "service" model which allowed small sales. There is documentation of this in the media from that time, where KC is quoted talking about the model. The statement that they were grandfathered in on a no sales model is false.

When Councilman Knight mentioned the section of our draft bill and portrayed it as giving absolute control to city council he failed to mention that this is one of multiple options in the draft bill. This draft bill is the culmination of a lot of work with all stakeholders. It is a compromise and will offer a simple solution to regulate all clubs. I had a chat with Chief Carey and let him know that his concern about transfers will be covered under this bill. He said that other than that he has no problem and has had no criminal problems with clubs.

It is very blatant that Councilman Knight and a couple others are very anti-cannabis and there seems to be a push from them and the Mayor's office. The strong majority of the people that you represent are not anti-cannabis. They voted for both medical and recreational in the Springs. They voted for medical twice when there was an effort to ban dispensaries.

The reality of this situation is that we must put personal feelings aside and regulate the industry as it exists today. This would mean allowing the small service model that is in our bill. As you have heard from owners, they will not change or shut down. This is the model that they all use. It has held up in court. It will not change. I feel extremely confident that if these owners are forced into the courts that they will win. It has already happened in Denver and after hearing the basis for this push yesterday, I am even more confident that would be the outcome here. If this transpires, there will be absolutely no regulation on clubs. By trying to stop their current model you will achieve the exact opposite. Not one of the options that are being considered regulates what our clubs are doing and have been doing for over three years.

It was very disheartening yesterday that I was not allowed to speak to the false allegations or just in general to represent the club industry. Never in my life have I seen any industry regulated by Government without input and assistance from the industry being regulated. We are the only industry group that represents clubs. To be completely excluded from this process is absolutely inexcusable. We will be in attendance for the Town Hall tonight. I hope that moving forward the city council will work with us and that you will embrace the very simple solution that we will be introducing at the state level and that was the result of nearly a year of stakeholder meetings.

The push against cannabis in the Springs is starting to be noticed by the citizens. These are all battles that we went through years ago and won. It would be much more productive to move forward in a way that will enact responsible regulation that will protect public safety and respect the will of your voters.

Thank you.

From: [Paul Seeling](#)
To: [Bagley, Larry](#)
Subject: Re: FW: Marijuana Consumption Club Ordinance Public Meeting
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 1:49:06 PM

Mr. Bagley,

Thanks again very much for your invitation to the meeting last night. I was not aware of it prior to your e-mail, so you made it possible for me to attend. Thanks as well for your attendance and attention to all speakers during the meeting. I learned a lot about the advocates for cannabis clubs, and learned how they are currently able to operate within the existing ordinances. I agree with Mr. Knight that we should prevent their expansion and over time eliminate the existing ones. I believe his proposed ordinance is a good way ahead and I encourage you to stand with him and cast your vote for its passage.

I do feel very bad for the poor people that were advocating for clubs last night as I am sure you do as well. I know that some of the people have legitimate medical conditions and that cannabis has probably helped them, however we know that the overwhelming evidence from years of study shows the clear negative impact of this uncontrolled drug on our overall population. The best thing we can do for them is to treat this substance as it deserves with great carefulness, and push for controls which allow it to be safely administered within the medical community as is any other controlled drug with hazardous side effects.

With regard to marijuana use in a social setting, the performance of advocates last night clearly illustrates the detrimental effects of this drug on people and the adverse impact on their character, judgment and overall contribution to the advance of our community by laying foundations for building strong families and homes which are producing the future citizens of Colorado Springs. If we desire to present a positive image of our city to the country and those considering relocating here and/or starting businesses in our city, we must show them that we value a hard working, thrifty, upwardly mobile and family friendly population while compassionately assisting those with legitimate social and health challenges, without allowing them to destroy the beneficial society we are endeavoring to help them join. This goes for our desire to draw tourism to our region. If we attract a significant cannabis consuming clientele, and our city is known for that, we will scare off those tourists who are seeking uplifting and positive environments in which to vacation while trying to raise their families to follow in their steps of building a virtuous society.

Thank you as well for your work chairing the Marijuana Task Force. Your last e-mail indicated you were moving toward proposing legislation that would limit plant counts in residential areas to 12 plants and grow lights to 1. I consulted with folks in our neighborhood and they really like these numbers as it allows individual citizens to exercise their right to grow cannabis while mitigating the criminal and safety concerns of large operations in residential zones. We definitely would like to see no grandfathering of existing grow operations in neighborhoods as it would do nothing to mitigate the very real hazards described above. While I understand the pushback from advocates to criminalizing violations of a proposed ordinance outlining the above plant/light numbers, could you approach the issue from the viewpoint that exceeding these numbers is a clear indication of intent to distribute marijuana which in turn violates many existing state and federal statutes?

Again, thank you for your diligent and unfortunately occasionally thankless work in behalf of

our city and ALL its residences.

Very Respectfully,

Paul Seeling

On Mon, Feb 22, 2016 at 11:31 PM, Bagley, Larry <LBagley@springsgov.com> wrote:

In case you want to attend.....

MEDIA ADVISORY

February 19, 2016

**City Council to hold public meeting on proposed
Marijuana Consumption Club ordinances**

Councilmember Don Knight will host a public meeting on Tuesday, February 23 at 6:00 p.m. to hear the public's input on proposed ordinances relating to Marijuana Consumption Clubs within the City. Councilmember Knight and subject matter experts on City staff will introduce the proposed ordinances, answer questions, and hear public input relating to Marijuana Consumption Clubs.

When: Tuesday, February 23 at 6 p.m.

Where: City Council Chambers, 3rd floor, City Hall, 107 N. Nevada Avenue.

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Sincerely,

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From: [Chuck Donachy](#)
To: [Marijuana Task Force Mailbox - SMB](#)
Subject: Re: Please send me your insights
Date: Monday, January 04, 2016 7:34:51 PM

Larry,

First I must say that I do not hold myself out to be an authority on MJ growing and use or the controversies involved.

1. Home Grow operations: What restrictions, if any, should be imposed regarding location?

Location is irrelevant if the house is owned by a physical person or persons in a cohesive family unit. Ownership by a corporate entity should disqualify use as a home grow.

I presume "Home Grow "operations" means growing MJ in ones home. I say limit the size to some kind of reasonableness for the use of the people living in the building as a cohesive unit.

Use or smell of MJ in any form should not be detectable to a normal person in the outside environment beyond the boundaries of the residence.

MJ grows use a lot of lights. Utilities helps (or used to help) find illegal grows by inordinate power usage. Bright lighting is light pollution. Regulations should require that no light be allowed to emanate from a house as a result of grow activity.

2. Commercial Hash Oil production: What concerns do you have, if any?

Evidently hash oil production can result in an explosive atmosphere. I suppose there is also an odor related to it. Such operations should be overseen by code enforcement and the fire department. Location should be such that an explosion will be contained to the facility so as to not endanger those that are not on the property. Again odor should be contained to the facility.

3. Commercial grows: Should we consider relocating/rezoning large-scale commercial grows, currently allowed in commercial zones?

No - it is a legal activity. they should only be required to follow existing laws and safety regulations.

Chuck Donachy

-----Original Message-----

From: CM Larry Bagley, MJ Task Force Chair <mjtaskforce@springsgov.com>
To: donachy834 <donachy834@aol.com>
Sent: Wed, Dec 30, 2015 5:24 pm
Subject: Please send me your insights

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From: [Christy Riggs, AIA LEED GA](#)
To: [Marijuana Task Force Mailbox - SMB](#)
Subject: RE: Please send me your insights
Date: Monday, January 04, 2016 9:50:50 AM
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)

Thoughts on the questions below – these are my personal thoughts and do not express the opinions or support of any of the organizations I’m associated with.

1. There should absolutely be restrictions on home-grow operations to ensure safety. Not only from the plants, but from the lights used to grow the plants as well. Commercially there are codes that govern the safety testing of the lights (UL-listed), but there are a TON of lights that people can buy off the internet that don’t meet these standards and can be a fire hazard. I would think the room should be built at least like a garage with the 5/8” Type X drywall, 20 minute self-closing (and locking) doors and maybe even a vapor barrier to keep any residue/pollen from seeping into habitable spaces. Requiring a locked door will help keep kids out as well.
2. I don’t know much about this process, other than it seems to pose a fire threat. Maybe if it’s treated similar to a paint room that would help govern the safety concerns to include fire resistive wall construction, exhaust fans, etc. I definitely don’t know enough about this to properly comment.
3. If the zone already allows a grow, then I think it should be allowed to be there. Large or small should be governed by the land use regulations established.
4. I don’t think there should be a moratorium on MMJ centers. If the demand is there, they will succeed, and we can be collecting the taxes to help regulate the industry. If it’s not, then they won’t, and then it’ll work itself out.

Christy Riggs, AIA, LEED GA

From: CM Larry Bagley, MJ Task Force Chair [mailto:mjtaskforce@springsgov.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2015 5:24 PM
To: christy.riggs.aia@gmail.com
Subject: Please send me your insights

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From: [Robert Jacobs](#)
To: [Marijuana Task Force Mailbox - SMB](#)
Subject: RE: Please send me your insights
Date: Sunday, January 03, 2016 9:26:12 PM

Larry

Let me give you some personal experience on "Home grown operations." Two years ago I rented out

my house in San Diego county to a single man who seemed very nice and he had a heating/air conditioning

business in the area. He always paid the rent on time and sometimes even paid 2 months in advance.

About a month before the end of the lease I called 'Jesse' about renewing the lease and made arrangements to fly down to San Diego meet him , inspect the house, play some golf . When I arrived

at the house it was completely empty of furniture and people. There were strange carpet stains throughout the house as well a strong smell. I found out the tenant had been using the entire house

as a "Grow house" (4000sq ft) for marijuana ! He probably never even lived in the house. There was

thousands of dollars of damage done to the house: carpet ruined,electricity had been rewired,heating and

air condition had been tampered with. I can go into more detail if you interested give me a call.

I did some research on these home operations....which seem to be quite common in southern

California. When they rewire the house for their lights this can start a fire..... people can die,

property destroyed. I would definitely be against any type of Marijuana operation in residential property. If the occupants are selling it think of all of

seedy characters visiting the house at all hours. Not a good idea period !

Robert

Date: Wed, 30 Dec 2015 19:24:11 -0500

From: mjtaskforce@springsgov.com

To: jacobsrs@msn.com

Subject: Please send me your insights

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From: [welling clark](#)
To: [Marijuana Task Force Mailbox - SMB](#)
Subject: Re: Please send me your insights
Date: Sunday, January 03, 2016 8:32:18 PM

Hi Larry –

Here are responses I have received when I've queried the Westside with your announcement and questions. I have not edited them at all but merely compiled them. I hope this is of help. I know the Westside is not in your district but I am sure that your resident thoughts are probably similar.

Take care,
Well (from the Westside)

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1. As for home grow operations, no more than 12 plants in a private residence. No grows should be allowed in residences that share walls, ie apartments, townhomes, duplexes, etc.

2. Commercial hash oil production should only be done in commercial zoned buildings by people that know what they are doing. There needs to be fire codes written for this, as this is very dangerous and causes explosions when done improperly.

3. Commercial grows should be relocated/zoned to industrial zones only or rural. There should be no grows in or close to residential areas.

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No growing MMJ in Apartment Buildings nor Duplex, 4 plex, etc.

Filtration systems a must.

Areas zoned for commercial use only. Having an illegal grow operation in the 8 plex next door to us for over a year, the odor was so strong I couldn't be outside for any longer than it took to get in and out of the car and back into the house. So having a filtration system that removes most of the odor is a must.

If people are growing and selling Medical MJ, then there should be traceability back to the type of plant they are growing and selling. As I understand it, there are few guidelines in the area of Medical MJ. If they are selling Medical MJ then it needs to be certified as such.

Another issue with Grow Operation's is the Grow light Ballasts. We need local laws stating that all Grow Lights must have FCC Certification on the ballasts to insure that they do not cause Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) to Amateur Radio Operators (ARO). With over 1300 Amateur Radio Operators in El Paso County the problems from RFI are devastating to the AR Community. My husband's Radio was literally off the air for a year due to RFI from our next door neighbors grows operation and local law enforcement didn't have jurisdiction to help. The FCC finally contacted our neighbors and they moved to another neighborhood far enough away that our problem was solved for a short time. Now someone else has moved into the area and the problem is back.

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You both made excellent points that I agree with fully. I also remember a conversation the team had a while back about time of the day that the venting occurred. The essence was that it should be a small amount during all times, rather than just a few concentrated hours because the scent is overpowering. I do not know what effect the filtration systems would have on that venting, so the issue may be moot if the filtration system would alleviate the problem. Not exactly sure how to articulate that but I think you get the gist of it if that is something you want to include in the suggestions.

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I have learned a little more about the filtration systems; even the huge industrial systems with the carbon filters do little to alleviate the odor. As for venting it cannot be release a little at a time. Drive from the east on Fillmore early in the morning say between 6 and 7 am you can smell nothing but marijuana. There are a couple of large grows over there.

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1a Plant count for residential should stay @6 plants per household unless medical proof for more is provided

Violation 1st citation & possible court appearance 2nd court appearance & fine

1b Need to come up with patient list that can be verified as to how many plants are needed for residential care giving

2 Setup criteria to go along with fire department regulations & they must have adequate insurance to cover explosions and /or fires.

3 Yes relocate grows away from urbanized areas either residential or commercial.

The stink along W. Colorado Ave from 30th west to Manitou, just from existing MMJ shops, is skunk heaven

4 Annex the Avenue known as No man's Land to Colorado Springs so there are 1 set of regulations.

This would be a great area for redevelopment with our natural treasures in mind. It can be tied in with reconstruction of w Colorado Ave beginning in 2016.

What to do with Manitou, that's up to them but we should seek their input

5 Abide by same laws as liquor stores especially in regard to minors, plus proper labeling must be established

Why do we need so many MMJ shops on w Colorado Avenue?

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From: "CM Larry Bagley, MJ Task Force Chair" <mjtaskforce@springsgov.com>
To: welling80904@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2015 5:24 PM
Subject: Please send me your insights

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From: [Therese Cobb](#)
To: [Marijuana Task Force Mailbox - SMB](#)
Subject: St. Patrick's Day Parade
Date: Monday, March 14, 2016 9:50:10 AM

Hello,

I'm really not sure where to send this, if this is even an appropriate place.

I would like to express my concern and frustration at the St. Patrick's Day Parade this past weekend. I attend with my family which included 4 children. I have always viewed parades such as this to be 'family friendly' events. During the parade, there was a parade entry for Marijuana, I believe it was promoting a Marijuana club (however, I am not 100% certain that a club is what was being promoted). I just sat there really, in disbelief. I work really hard to 'teach' my children to make good choices and be a good example for them. It's a pretty good slap in the face, while I tell them that drugs are a 'bad choice' and can ruin your life. That smoking is horrible for your health and to stay away from it. But then right there, goes a display promoting both - using drugs and smoking.

I would hope that with the Marijuana Task force reviewing and developing policy for Colorado Springs, that an effort to ensure public displays such as this, at least at family-friendly events, is not allowed to occur.

Regards,
Therese Cobb

From: [Duane Adrian](#)
To: [Bagley, Larry](#); [Council Members](#); [Bach, Steve](#)
Subject: Suggestions for your questions
Date: Saturday, December 19, 2015 10:22:39 AM

Our next Task Force meeting will be held in January – date to-be-determined – and I would appreciate your insight and comments regarding the questions below by Jan. 4. Please email your responses to mjtaskforce@springsgov.com.

Thank you in advance for your support and input.

Questions:

1. Home Grow operations (defined as residential units (single family and other) that are housing any number of plants): What should the plant count be for residential grows? How should do we address the uncontrolled, large (over 100 plants) caregiver grows in residential areas? What restrictions, if any, should be imposed regarding location?

I personally think anyone that grows marijuana at their home should get a city permit. That way, the city knows who is growing marijuana at home.

2. Commercial Hash Oil production: What concerns do you have, if any? What steps should we take to address Fire Department's concerns about processes and components that may be hazardous and could result in explosions and or flash fires?

I would consider this as a hazardous product. Do not have it allowed. We need to see what are the ingredients and if they are hazards and flameable?

3. Commercial grows: Should we consider relocating/rezoning large-scale commercial grows, currently allowed in commercial zones, in industrial or agricultural locations in order to control traffic and odor issues and to mitigate public safety risks?

Absolutely not. If we do this. Many people would lease or buy empty building around resident neighborhoods, schools and to grow marijuana. Are we that desperate to generate money for the city of Colorado Springs?

4. Dispensaries: With current state and local regulations in mind, what changes, if any, do you think are required for regulating MMJ dispensaries? With the "Gas and Grass"-type operation—should there be co-location limitations associated with business models? How should we coordinate with other entities— cities, county, state, etc.—to ensure consistency, synergy?

I personally would like all of these businesses to be outside the city limits of Colorado Springs. As you know, we already have 125+ marijuana dispensaries. How many more do we need? When is it enough?

5. What changes or recommendations should we consider to mitigate the public safety concerns raised by neighbors and public safety professionals? How should we deal with those who are blatantly disregarding the laws in order to be equitable to those who are abiding by the laws?

I would fine these business's who do not follow Colorado Springs city ordinances, codes or city laws. Either fine these businesses. If they do not pay the fines. Do not let these businesses open for business. Do not allow them to

have a business permit or operation licence for these businesses.

I hope you will share these suggestions to the City Council and to the City Mayor.

Thanks for your time.

District 11 resident since 1968.

Duane Calvillo

From: [Pat Foltz](#)
To: [Council Members](#)
Subject: Upcoming vote on pot houses
Date: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:14:45 AM

Please vote **NO** on allowing marijuana to be grown, distributed or in anyway be a part of the Colorado Springs cultural makeup. I make the request for lots of reasons, all of which I am sure you have heard. It is simply NOT good for the overall health and well being of our community.

Howard and Pat Foltz
Zip code 80905

From: [Robert Chadbourne](#)
To: [Council Members](#)
Subject: Views on Two Issues You Will Discuss Today
Date: Monday, March 07, 2016 11:30:21 AM

Dear Council President Bennett and Council Members,

I wanted to express my views on two issues that you will be discussing in working session today, one of which you will vote on Tuesday.

Issue #1 Marijuana Clubs in Colorado Springs. I am **totally opposed** to allowing marijuana clubs within the city of Colorado Springs. Our state is already the “laughing stock” of all of my friends across the nation for legalizing recreational marijuana. I applaud you for banning the sale in our city. As we seek to promote and grow our city with such things as promoting new industry and investment, emphasizing our ties to the US Olympics, and continuing our strong military presences, marijuana clubs are simply not, repeat not, consistent with promoting our city along these lines. In addition, I shutter at the long term effects on our youth if we allow these clubs to exist. I understand there would be legal age limits, but you all know that does precious little to keep drugs out of the hands of our youth. **Please vote to deny the existence of marijuana clubs in Colorado Springs.**

Issue #2 The proposed resolution declaring opposition to the relocation of refugees from the United States refugee resettlement program to the city of Colorado Springs. While I understand the intent behind the resolution, the security of city and region, I do not think this is in our city’s overall best interest. There are many legitimate refugees in our city that have become valuable members in our community. I was part of a group that reached out to 11 Afghanistan refugee families in December 2015. These families were resettled here, because the husbands had aided the US and allied forces in Afghanistan and they and they families were under death threats by the Taliban. These families were gracious, appreciative, and contributing members to our local economy. I think this resolution sends the wrong message to the refugees that are already here and the legitimate ones we will see in the future. The real issue is not with the refugees. It is with our federal government and how they are handling (perhaps mishandling) the program. If you wish to pass a resolution, then please rewrite it to focus on the real issue (the federal government), while at the same time recognizing the plight and true value of these refugees and our continuing need to help these folks.

Thank you for considering my views.

Robert K Chadbourne
Colonel USAF (Ret)
Resident since 1993