

CITY OF PLACERVILLE REPORT ON INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE
PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858 (d)

On November 8, 2016, the Placerville City Council adopted an interim urgency ordinance prohibiting commercial cultivation, processing, laboratory testing, labeling, storing, wholesale distribution, retail sale and outdoor cultivation of marijuana. The urgency ordinance allows indoor cultivation of up to six (6) plants per residence for personal use subject to certain conditions.

The purpose of the urgency ordinance is to allow the City of Placerville to develop a comprehensive approach to marijuana in light of the passage of Proposition 64 as well as to study potential regulations for the cultivation and distribution of nonmedical marijuana.

Because of risks related to the cultivation, processing and distribution of marijuana, including offensive odors, the use of dangerous chemicals, trespassing, theft, violent crimes and potential fire hazards, the City is studying various ways to possibly regulate marijuana and potentially mitigate those risks.

City staff has been studying the possibility of regulating either medical or nonmedical marijuana or both as well weighing the benefits and risks of regulation as opposed to a ban on medical and/or nonmedical marijuana. Recent state legislation, S.B. 94 has delayed the issuance of state regulations until this fall. As a result, additional time is needed in order for City staff to do a thorough assessment of the risks and to determine what regulations could possibly be effective in controlling those risks. Further, City staff will need additional time to review the yet to be promulgated State of California regulations relating to medical and nonmedical marijuana in order to do a complete analysis.

Staff will be recommending a one-year extension of the interim urgency ordinance at the October 10, 2017 City Council meeting.