

CITY OF RIVERVIEW

REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF RIVERVIEW

At a duly convened meeting of the Ad Hoc Marijuana Research Committee as appointed by the City Council for the City of Riverview held on November 3, 2022, the following report and recommendation was voted on as follows:

Ayes: 11
Nays: 1
Abstentions: _____
Absences: _____

Whereas, The voters of the City of Riverview and the State of Michigan have approved the use of Medical and Recreational Marijuana, and

Whereas, The City Council, wishing to explore the options available to the City if the Council were to vote to authorize the licensing of certain Recreational Marijuana businesses to operate in the City of Riverview, created and appointed an Ad Hoc Committee titled Marijuana Business Research Committee to study the options and possibilities of permitting licensed marijuana businesses in the City and make recommendations to the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE AD HOC COMMITTEE SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERVIEW, MICHIGAN, AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) That the Ad Hoc Committee, titled Marijuana Business Research Committee, met on the following dates to study the options and possibilities of permitting licensed marijuana businesses in the City:

June 30, 2022

July 14, 2022

August 11, 2022

August 29, 2022

September 9, 2022

September 22, 2022
October 6, 2022
October 19, 2022
November 3, 2022

- 2) The Ad Hoc Committee consisted of the following individuals:

City Council members: Rita Gunaga, Charles Norton, Suzanne Oneil
City Manager Doug Drysdale and Interim City Manager Jeff Dobek
Residents Raymond Lemons and Pamela Georgia Brown
Superintendent of Riverview Schools JJ Hatzl
Chief of Police John Allen
Community Development Director David Scurto
Asst. City Attorney Michael Hurley

- 3) The Committee sought input on this subject from representatives of the following areas:

Two (2) Substance Abuse Counselors from the Guidance Center who reported their first hand experiences with patients who struggle with the effects of vaping, alcohol, marijuana, prescription and illegal street drugs, and recommended against the introduction of marijuana establishments in the City of Riverview.

Industry Expert from Marijuana Retailers, Dispensaries, Processing, and Growers, and general subject matter experts in the form of individuals who offered public comment at the committee's meetings. These individuals are fully supportive of allowing marijuana business activity in the City of Riverview.

Law Enforcement information and input was received primarily from Police Chief Allen's observations in other Downriver cities and from anecdotal reports obtained from other cities executives and police chiefs and compiled and presented by former City Manager Drysdale. The consensus was a generally favorable review of marijuana businesses if the established rules and protocols are followed by the marijuana businesses.

The general public was given the opportunity to provide input and address the Ad Hoc Committee at every meeting but little was received outside of those already in the marijuana business.

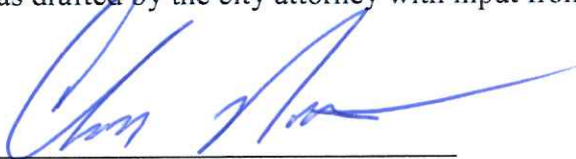
4) The Committee members researched and collectively discussed how other cities have implemented the licensing of marijuana businesses in other communities, and the current state of the marijuana business in the State of Michigan.

5) The Committee members discussed the pros and cons of allowing and not allowing marijuana businesses to operate in the City of Riverview.

CONCLUSION:

A non-unanimous majority of the Marijuana Business Research Committee concludes, for various and different reasons, to recommend to City Council that certain types of Marijuana Businesses be permitted to be licensed and operate in the City using a *no-cap / zoning based* regulatory theory.

Further, the Committee submits a proposed draft ordinance which is attached to this report and was drafted by the city attorney with input from the Ad Hoc Committee members.



Chuck Norton, Committee Chairman