

Proposition 64 Legalized Marijuana

Background

On November 8, 2016, California voters approved Proposition 64 which legalized the recreational use of marijuana for persons 21 years or older. Adults may possess up to 28.5 grams of marijuana and 8 grams of concentrated marijuana. An individual is permitted to grow up to six plants within a private home as long as the area is locked and not visible from a public place.

Summary

- Legalizes marijuana for use by adults 21 years or older.
- Designates state agencies to license and regulate marijuana
- Imposes state excise tax of 15% on retail sales as well as cultivation taxes
- Exempts medical marijuana from some taxation
- Establishes packaging, labeling, advertising and marketing standards and restrictions for marijuana products
- Prohibits marketing and advertising marijuana directly to minors
- Authorizes local governments to regulate and tax marijuana
- Authorizes resentencing and destruction of records for prior marijuana convictions.

Legalized Marijuana: What Does the Adult Use of Marijuana Act Mean for You?

Following the state-wide passage of Prop 64, the City of Cotati will now begin development of our own local regulation of marijuana. What does this mean for you? The new regulations will cover cultivation, processing and sales of recreational marijuana within the City and we want to hear from you. Your input will help shape these regulations.

The process will begin with two public meetings and you are invited to attend one or both.

Thursday, March 2, 2017 Panel Discussion

A panel of experts will present information on their areas of expertise and answer audience questions. Panelists will represent law enforcement and fire protection, taxation and City budget, local growers and operators, and commercial property owners.

When: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Where: City Council Chambers at 201 West Sierra Avenue

Saturday, March 11, 2017, Open House

An open house will provide an extended opportunity to ask questions about existing laws and regulations, process and timeline for development of the new regulations and potential ballot measures, taxation and the City budget. Drop in at your convenience.

When: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Where: City Council Chambers at 201 West Sierra Avenue

