

[Planning]: Medical Marijuana DispensariesDan Viets <danviets@gmail.com>
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Columbia, MO 65201And Via Email: planning@como.gov

Re: Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

Dear Mr. Teddy:

I understand that the P&Z Commission is discussing the matter of the location of medical marijuana facilities in our City. I would very much like to be a part of that discussion.

I am one of the authors of Amendment 2, which is now Article XIV of the Missouri Constitution. I am President of the New Approach Missouri Campaign Committee which both placed this initiative before the voters of our state and ran the campaign which persuaded them to support it.

As you may know, there were two other medical marijuana initiatives on the same ballot. The voters spoke loudly and clearly when nearly 66% of them supported Amendment 2. Amendment 2 received more votes than any other issue and any candidate on that ballot.

As you may also know, Amendment 2 provided for a 1,000-foot zone around churches and schools where no medical marijuana facility could be located. However, it also provides for local government to reduce or waive this requirement. I have asked the members of the Columbia City Council to reduce the zone around churches and schools to 200 feet rather than 1,000. As it presently stands, no medical marijuana dispensary could be located anywhere in the downtown area of the City.

I understand further that you may be taking this matter up on Thursday, March 7. I have a commitment which requires me to be out of the state on that date. I ask you to either postpone that discussion or continue the discussion at a future meeting when I hope to be able to attend.

I would welcome hearing any questions or concerns you may have in the meantime. You may text or call me at **573-819-2669** any time.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Dan Viets

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