

CITY OF MUSKEGON
CITY COMMISSION & PLANNING COMMISSION
JOINT MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 3:30 pm
PLACE OF MEETING: Commission Chambers, First Floor, Muskegon City Hall

AGENDA

- I. Marihuana License Overview & Potential License Caps
- II. Marihuana Special Use Permits
- III. Transportation & Testing Licenses
- IV. Marihuana Signage
- V. Marihuana Drive-thru's

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Marihuana Overview & Potential License Caps

Some members of the Planning Commission and City Commission have asked about potentially capping the number of marihuana licenses within the City or finding a way to allow them more equitably across the City. Below is a list of active retail and growing operations within the City.

Retail Stores	
Company	Address
Rair	1871 Peck St
New Standard	1922 Park St
GLHM (formerly Red Bud Roots)	1817 Commerce St
Timber	313 W Laketon Ave
Grassy Knoll	2125 Lemuel St
Sozo	580 W Hackley Ave
Bella Sol	1839 Peck St
Levels	1840 6 th St
Body & Mind	885 E Apple Ave
Sticky	1965 Peck St
JARS (under construction)	1801 Peck St
Indigrow (under construction)	639 W Clay Ave
Great Lakes Natural Remedies (under construction)	185 W Laketon Ave
Fields Cannabis (recently applied for Retail, Grow, Consumption Lounge and Special Events)	420 S Harvey St

Growing Operations	
Company	Address
ProCanna Industries	1938 Sanford St
Michigrown	351 W Laketon Ave
Greencraft	551 Young Ave
MJ Verdant	1823 Commerce St
VanDam Growers	1905 6 th St
Saigon Lotus	1720 S Getty St
New Standard	1922 Park St
Levels	1840 6 th St

Marihuana Special Use Permits

In an effort to get more local people involved in the industry, the City Commission adopted ordinance amendments that allow smaller-scale marihuana operations with an issuance of a special use permit in B-2, B-4, MC, I-1 and I-2 districts. These license types include microbusinesses, designated consumption establishments, class B recreational grows and temporary marihuana

events. This was an effort to help local people get in the industry without having to pay for high property prices in the overlay district. However, it appears that some of the special use permit holders are not moving forward with their plans.

Address	License Type	Status
1756 Lakeshore Dr	Microbusiness	No permits pulled/property listed for sale
1811 Continental St	Microbusiness	No permits pulled/property listed for sale
1720 S Getty St	Class B Grow	Operational
552 W Southern Ave	Class B Grow	No permits pulled/former company still operational

Marihuana Transportation & Testing Licenses

Transportation and testing licenses are currently only allowed in the original overlay district. However, these are the two least intensive license types. To date, none of these licenses have been granted nor has anyone even applied. The city may want to consider allowing these license types in more places. Options could include allowing them as a special use permitted in the same zoning districts as microbusinesses, designated consumption establishments, class B recreational grows and temporary marihuana events (B-2, B-4, MC, I-1 and I-2). Or these could possibly even be allowed as a use by right. A marihuana transporter has 48 hours to complete a delivery, so they are never in a position where they need to store large amounts of marihuana at one time.

Marihuana Signage

From the zoning ordinance:

“Signage shall be limited to one sign, no larger than 25 square feet and shall not use the word marihuana/marijuana, cannabis or any other word or phrase which would depict marihuana/marijuana; nor may pictures of a leaf or leaves, green cross or any other rendering which would depict marihuana/marijuana be displayed on a sign or any part of the building. Windows shall remain free and clear of all advertising.”

- The Michigan Marihuana Regulatory Agency has recently changed their name to the Cannabis Regulatory Agency.
- Marihuana is the only industry in the City that has a reduced signage allotment from other industries.

Marihuana Drive-thru's

- Contactless and limited contact transactions, including curbside and drive-thru operations, are now allowed by the State with municipal approval.

- Many of the existing retail stores would not be able to provide drive-thru services because of property layouts. Drive-thru's are not allowed downtown.
- If drive-thru's are permitted, they should have requirements for the stacking of cars.