

MEMORANDUM

August 25, 2016

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas
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SUBJECT: Update - Permits And Licensing For Medical Marijuana-related Uses

This memorandum provides an update on the City's permits and licensing program for medical marijuana-related retail uses.

1. Development Permit Processing Continues; 15 Approved Locations

Fifteen development permits have been issued under the zoning regulations adopted in June 2015, and another 14 full development permit applications are under review. The locations of issued permits and licences are shown on a map at vancouver.ca/medical-marijuana-business

2. Health Canada Reintroduces Allowance For Patients To Grow Their Own Marijuana

On August 11, 2016, Health Canada announced the new *Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations* (ACMPR). These new regulations will replace the *Marihuana for Medical*

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Purposes Regulations(MMPR) as of August 24, 2016, and are being implemented as a result of the Federal Court ruling in the case of *Allard v. Canada*.

The ACMPR reintroduces the allowance for Canadians who need access to cannabis for medical purposes to produce a limited amount of cannabis for their own medical purposes, or designate someone to produce it for them. Individuals authorized to use cannabis for medical purposes by a health care practitioner will also continue to have the option of purchasing safe, quality-controlled cannabis from one of the 34 producers licensed by Health Canada.

3. Injunctions

27 injunctions against non-compliant MMRUs are still in process. In addition, Law Department staff is responding to the Petition challenging the constitutionality of our bylaws.

4. Statistics on the overall program

Permits and Licencing Numbers	
Development permits issued for Medical Marijuana-related Uses (MMRUs)	15
Development permits under review for Medical Marijuana-related Uses (MMRUs)	14
Compassion Club business licences issued	2
Retail Dealer - Medical Marijuana Advocacy business licences issued	1
Business licence applications under review	6
Bylaw Enforcement	
Medical marijuana stores that have complied with regulations and have closed or are no longer selling marijuana since April 29, 2016	32
Stores currently operating that are subject to enforcement	51
Stores currently operating that are not subject to enforcement	33
Tickets Issued (\$250 each)	545
Tickets Paid	121
Injunctions Filed	27



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