

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL

An Oregon Municipal Corporation

ORDINANCE No. 1208-2015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERRILL DECLARING A BAN ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROCESSING SITES, MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES, RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA PRODUCERS, RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA PROCESSORS, RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA WHOLESALERS, AND/OR RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA RETAILERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Whereas, the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act, as amended by House Bill 3400 (2015) provides that the Oregon Health Authority will register medical marijuana processing sites and medical marijuana dispensaries;

Whereas, Measure 91, which the voters adopted in November 2014, directs the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to license the production, processing, wholesale, and retail sale of recreational marijuana;

Whereas, section 133 of HB 3400 provides that a qualifying city may prohibit, within its jurisdiction, the establishment of certain state-registered and state-licensed marijuana businesses by adopting an ordinance within 180 days of the effective date of HB 3400;¹

Whereas, Merrill is a “qualifying city” as defined in section 133 of House Bill 3400 (2015) because Merrill is located in a county in which not less than 55 percent of the votes cast in the county on Measure 91 in November 2014 were against the measure;

Whereas, the City Council wants to prohibit the operation of medical marijuana processing sites, medical marijuana dispensaries, recreational marijuana producers, recreational marijuana processors, recreational marijuana wholesalers, and/or recreational marijuana retailers in the city to protect and benefit the public health, safety and welfare of existing and future residents and businesses;

Whereas, the City Council believes that the public benefits from prohibiting the operation of medical marijuana processing sites, medical marijuana dispensaries, recreational marijuana producers, recreational marijuana processors, recreational marijuana wholesalers, and/or recreational marijuana retailers in the city outweigh the benefit the city would receive from state or local tax revenues;

¹ Those counties include the following: Baker, Crook, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler.

NOW THEREFORE, BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE CITY OF MERRILL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

DEFINITIONS.

Marijuana means the plant Cannabis family Cannabaceae, any part of the plant Cannabis family Cannabaceae and the seeds of the plant Cannabis family Cannabaceae.

Marijuana processing site means an entity registered with the Oregon Health Authority to process marijuana.

Marijuana processor means an entity licensed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to process marijuana.

Marijuana producer means an entity licensed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to manufacture, plant, cultivate, grow or harvest marijuana.

Marijuana retailer means an entity licensed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to sell marijuana items to a consumer in this state.

Marijuana wholesaler means an entity licensed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to purchase items in this state for resale to a person other than a consumer.

Medical marijuana dispensary means an entity registered with the Oregon Health Authority to transfer marijuana.

BAN DECLARED. As provided in section 133 of House Bill 3400 (2015), the City of Merrill hereby prohibits the establishment of the following in the area subject to the jurisdiction of the city:

- (a) Marijuana processing sites;
- (b) Medical marijuana dispensaries;
- (c) Marijuana producers;
- (d) Marijuana processors;
- (e) Marijuana wholesalers;
- (f) Marijuana retailers.

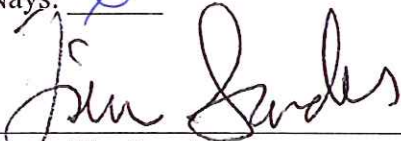
EXCEPTION. The prohibition set out in this ordinance does not apply to a marijuana processing site or medical marijuana dispensary that meets the conditions set out in subsections 6 or 7 of section 133, section 136, or section 137 of House Bill 3400 (2015).

EMERGENCY. This ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on December 22, 2015.

SUBMITTED AND APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF DECEMBER 2015.

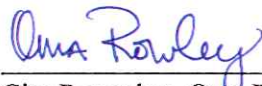
Ayes: 3

Nays: 0



Mayor Tim Saunders

ATTEST:



City Recorder: Oma Rowley