

Meeting Mr. Postema, Ms. Larcomb 2/11/2011

I agree with Mr. Postema and others that "cultivation facilities" would draw the serious attention of federal law enforcement to Ann Arbor - this could ultimately result in harm to patients.

Our Goals 1) Help Patients?
2) Get Investment Jobs Money?

Our basic goal should be #1 (Help Patients) not #2. You can prove that dispensaries help patients BUT how do you prove that "cultivation facilities" help patients (and they could easily get the feds to come in and bust the whole Ann Arbor program)

Also: People already have the protections they need for growing under the existing state law

So Let's drop "cultivation facilities" - because they could get A² into trouble (and hurt patients if the dispensaries also were shut down)

Don't tell anyone I said this. My company already has plans on paper and the building chosen for our "cultivation facility" - but

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I think it is (1) too risky and (2) We already have protection for growing under state law.

If we give upon "cultivation facilities" I hope the city will be more ready to come to a good compromise on the question of identifying the suppliers of all cannabis products

First - there is no record of problems with the safety of cannabis products in dispensaries - basically because the herb is so safe.

However I can recognize two legitimate municipal goals

(1) That the cannabis came from Michigan and was generated from ^{legally grown by a} ~~sources~~ "sources" provided by registered care givers ^{or patients} in Michigan.

(2) That the cannabis in a dispensary came from a caregiver or patient who is a registered member of that dispensary and the dispensary can immediately trace all cannabis products back to the member who provided them.

(Demonstrating this traceability might be a specific requirement of the annual inspection. The inspector could select up to a dozen cannabis products

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by member number #
OR State ID #

and the dispensary can be required to ~~show~~ demonstrate that they can ~~show~~ ^{show} which member the item came from, ^(by member #) and the procedure they use locate these suppliers.

Bottom Line - dispensaries have to be able to ~~articulate~~ articulate and demonstrate how they know ^{where} each of their cannabis products came from

This annual inspection could take place when the annual fee is ~~paid~~ due.

- Dispensary owners should also be required to document and/or demonstrate measures which are part of their standard procedure for insuring the safety and purity of each type of cannabis product which they make available to members.
- Only registered caregivers should be allowed to handle cannabis products.
- Records of suppliers must be retained for a minimum of 30 days subsequent to the ~~date~~ date on which the medical marijuana products delivered to the dispensary by a caregiver have been fully dispensed to members.

A Business Matter

in 6:415 - Licence Required...

TEXT "Any license terminated during the license year returns to the city for possible re issuance"

AND 6:416 General Provisions

"No license issued under this chapter may be transferred..."

Question: What is the motivation of a business owner to build up an excellent high level business over the long term if they know they can never sell or transfer the business?

I think we will have much higher quality businesses if their owners know they may someday be able to sell them (and still have a license).

This is a longer term consideration, but still important.

Possible Alternative Language.

"Any license terminated during the license year returns to the city for possible reissuance. If an existing licensed dispensary is sold the buyer will have the first option to be awarded this license, and will be awarded said

license if it meets all qualifications for the license and is approved by the licensing board. After paying all necessary fees a prospective buyer may receive a determination from ^{M.M. Business} the licensing board as to whether or not they ^{will} qualify for a dispensary license."

Otherwise - things could get shabby.
Why would an owner keep putting in money to make a beautiful, top level dispensary if he/she was sure to lose it in the end?

Most Sincerely
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