



City of Venice
Development Services Department

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council, Lori Stelzer, City Clerk

THRU: Edward Lavalley, City Manager *EL 10/19/16*

From: *JS* Jeff Shrum, Development Services Director

Date: October 19, 2016

Re: **Ordinance 2016-22-Temporary One-Year Moratorium on Cannabis Cultivation, Production, and Dispensing Businesses**

As indicated in the proposed ordinance, there have been statutory changes expanding the laws legalizing medical cannabis in Florida and further amendments are proposed. The City's comprehensive plan and land development code (zoning) currently do not specifically address these types of uses. As a result, and in coordination with the City Manager and City Attorney, staff is proposing a temporary one-year moratorium on cannabis cultivation, production, and dispensing businesses. The requested ordinance will afford the City reasonably time necessary to investigate the impacts of cannabis dispensing facilities, and if necessary, to promulgate reasonable regulations relating to such establishments in the comprehensive plan and land development code. You may also be aware that the proposed ordinance is similar to others that have already been passed by other surrounding communities such as the City of Sarasota.

Cc. Project File
City Attorney