



Whitewater Township



Medical Marihuana SURVEY

Over the next few months you may hear more and more about Medical Marihuana Facilities from most every media outlet, as the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act, Public Act 281 of 2016 (MMFLA), takes full effect December 15, 2017. The following is a brief description of the MMFLA and the five different business licenses offered by the State of Michigan. We hope you will take a few moments to look at these facts and review other sources of information on the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act and share your opinion with us by returning this completed survey with your tax payment or by **08/31/2017**.

MMFLA does not make marihuana legal in the State of Michigan, nor does it affect the relationship between qualified patients and registered caregivers who use marihuana for specified medical conditions as allowed under the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act of 2008. It is important to know that we are talking about two different laws.

MMFLA does provide a way to make the growing, processing, testing, transportation, and sale of medical marihuana a commercial business opportunity. It also establishes the right of each township to decide if a business of this nature can be located within its jurisdictional boundaries. A 3% tax will be imposed by the state on each provisioning center's gross retail receipts to be paid to the Michigan Department of Treasury. Twenty five percent of the 3% tax will be allocated to municipalities in which a marihuana facility is located. A municipality may charge an annual fee of up to \$5,000 per licensee. A facility and all articles of property in that facility are subject to examination at any time by local and state police departments.

A survey appears on the reverse side with more detailed information about each type of facility allowed under the MMFLA. We are interested to know what township residents and property owners think regarding whether any of these facilities should be allowed in Whitewater Township.

Please return your survey to the Township by **08/31/2017**. You may mail them to Whitewater Township, PO Box 159, Williamsburg, MI 49690, or drop them off in the General black mailbox at the township hall or mail them in with your tax bill to PO Box 100, Williamsburg, MI 49690. We ask that you only fill out one survey per person. If there are more qualified voters in the household that would like to participate, you may pick up another survey from the township offices or download from the township website.

For more information:

<http://www.whitewatertownship.org/>

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