



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.

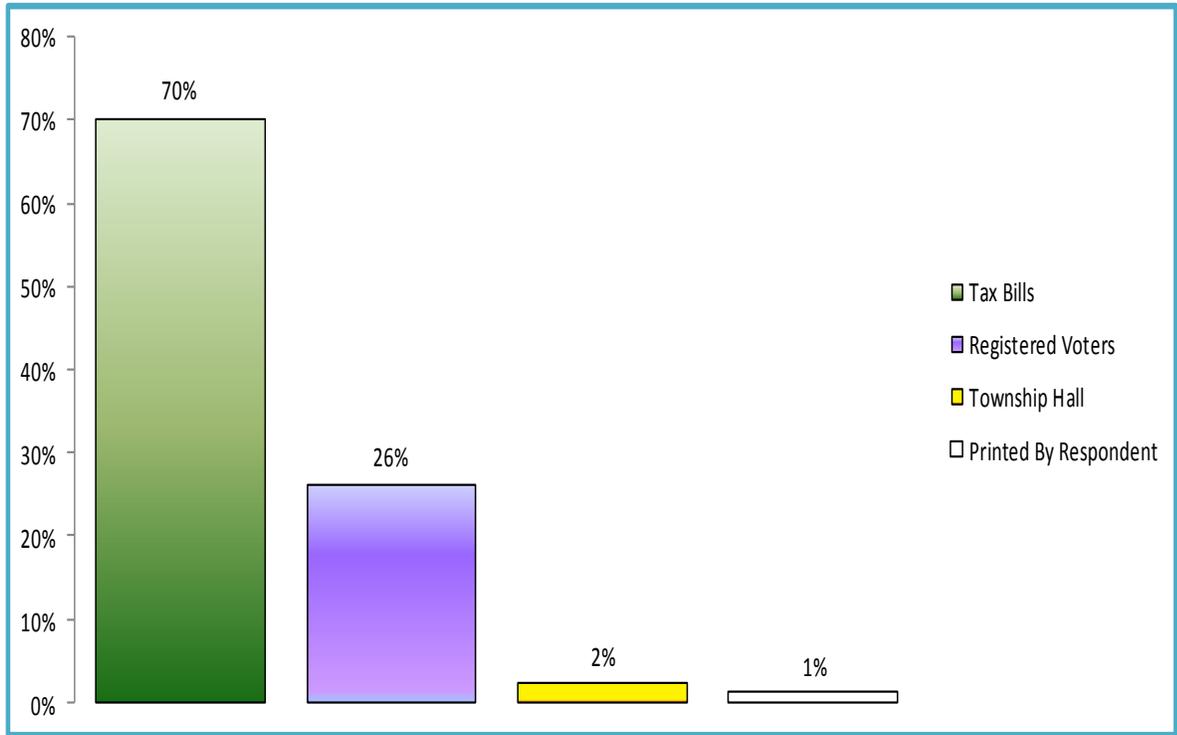
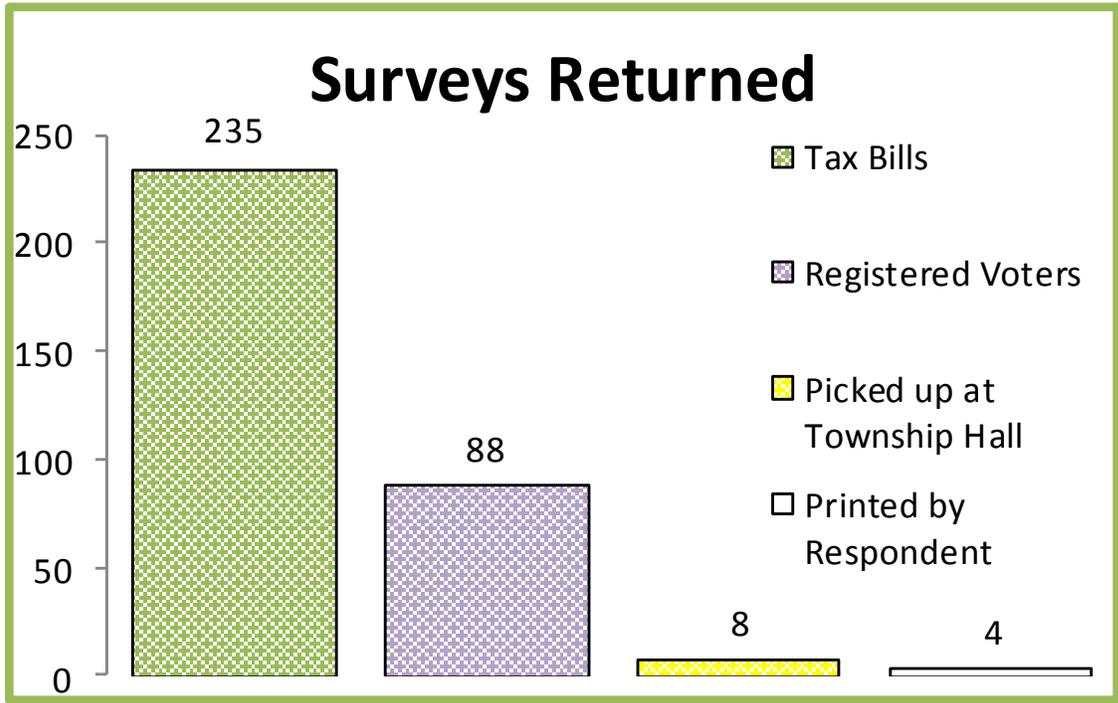
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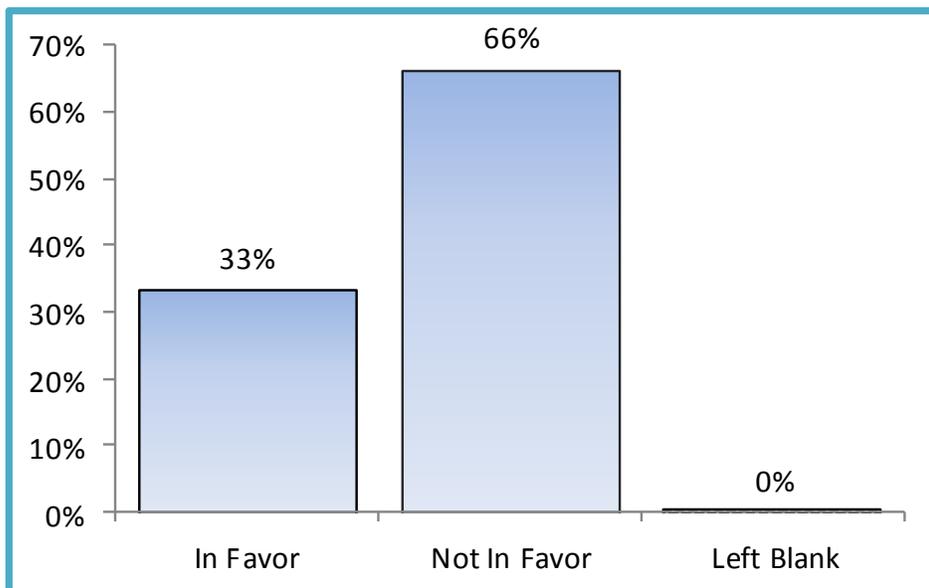
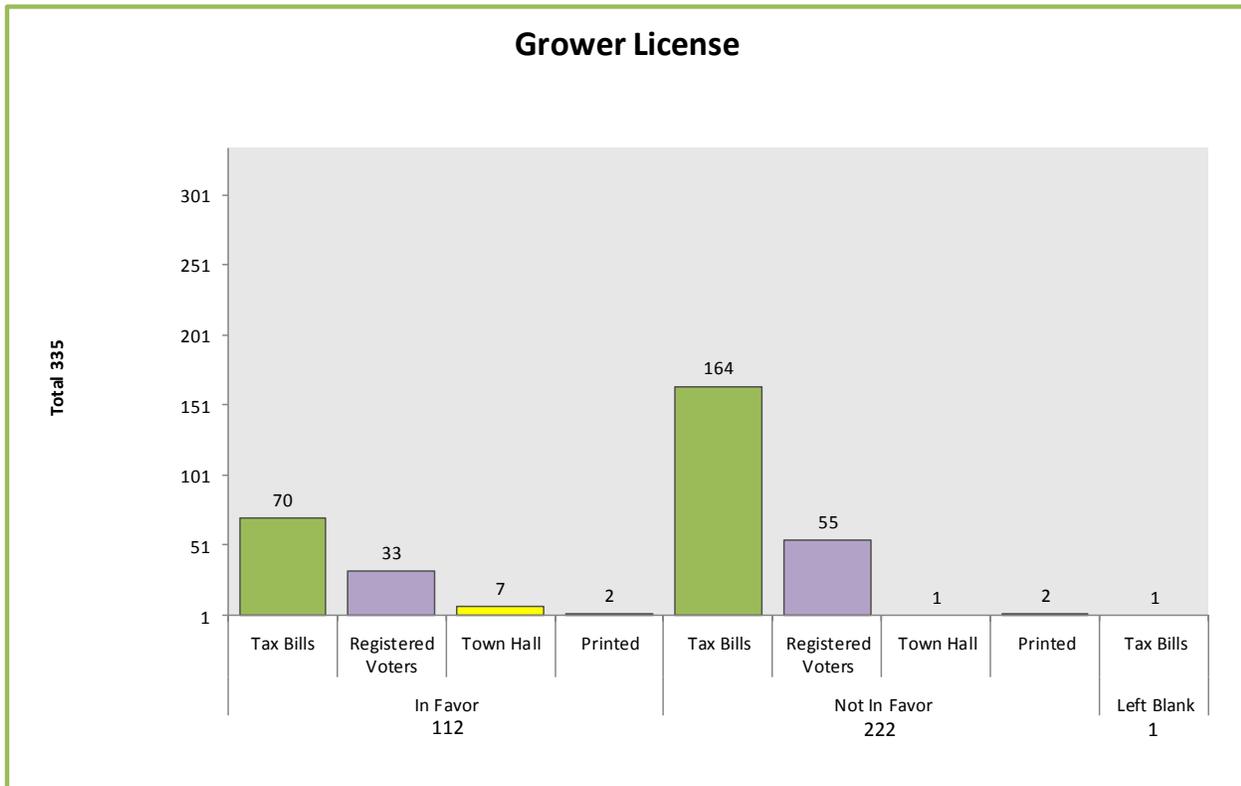
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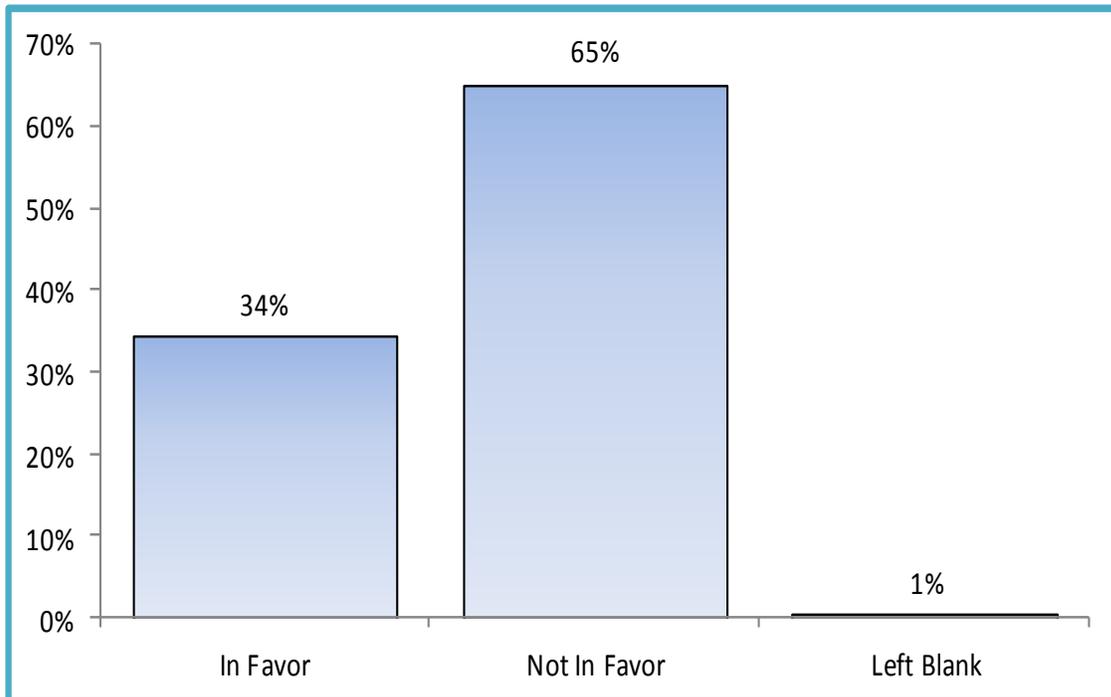
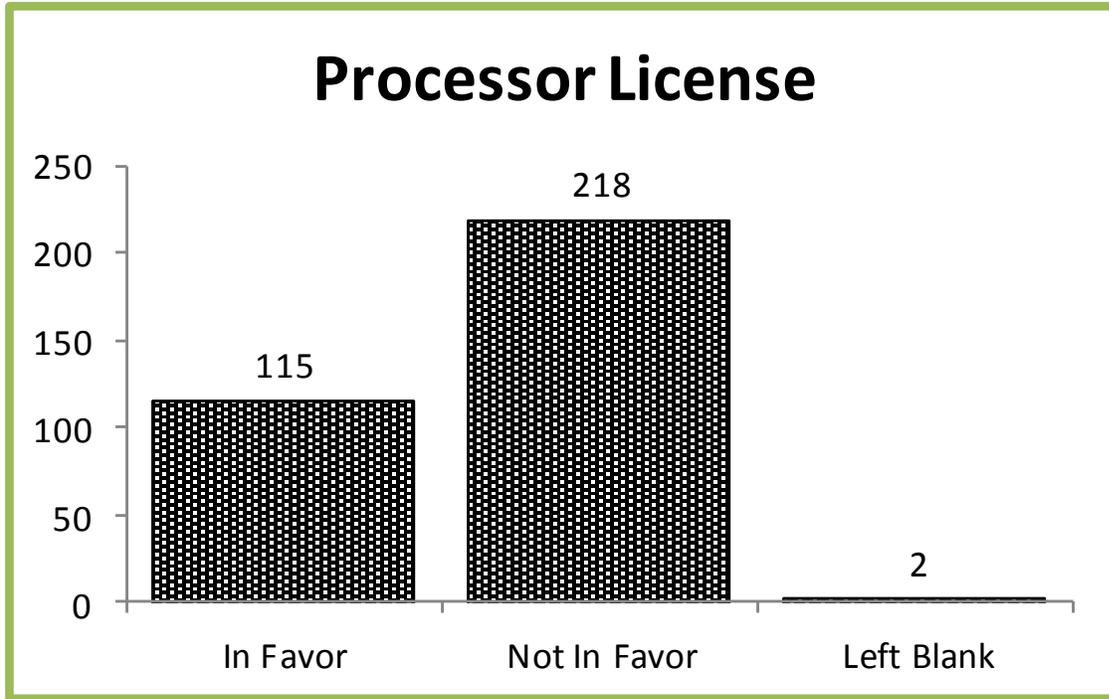
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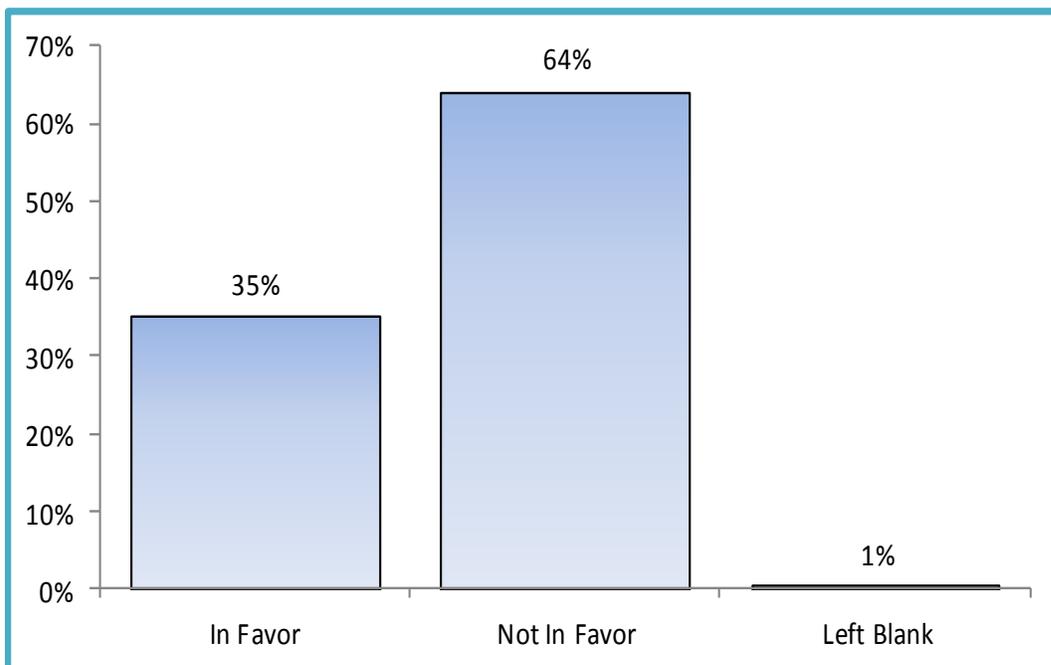
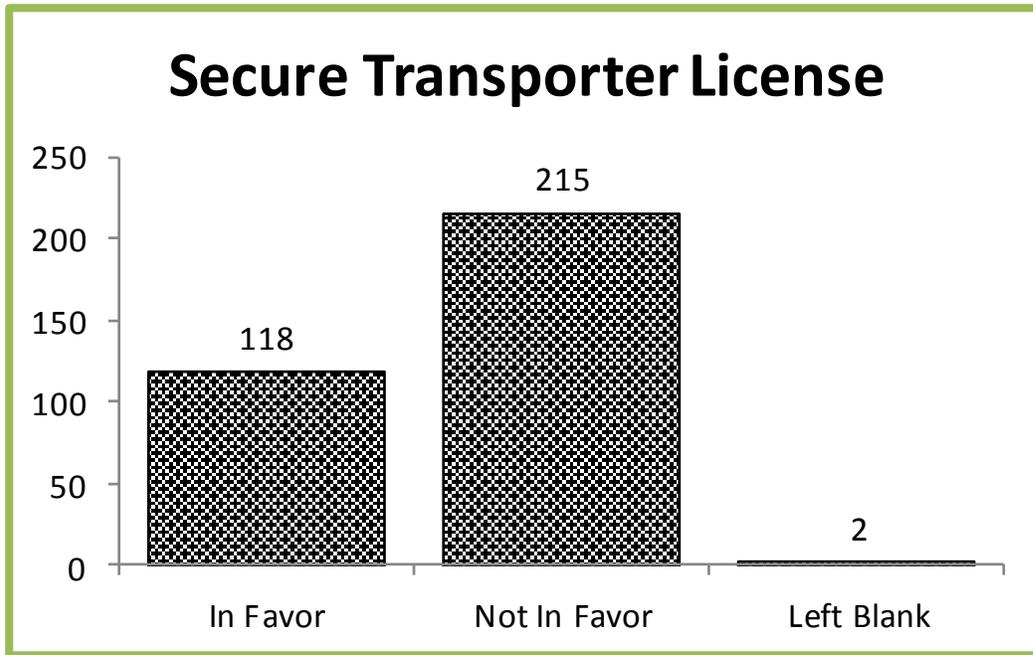
1. Grower: license is offered in three classifications, Class A - 500, Class B -1,000, and Class C -1,500 marihuana plants respectively, and authorizes grower to grower transactions of marihuana seeds and/or marihuana plants. A grower’s license will also permit marihuana sales other than seeds to a processor or provisioning center. All transactions must utilize a secure transporter for the transportation of all marihuana products. Cannot have an interest in a Secure Transporter or Safety Compliance Facility. All transactions must be recorded in the statewide monitoring system. Grow operations must be located in Industrial or Agricultural zoning districts.



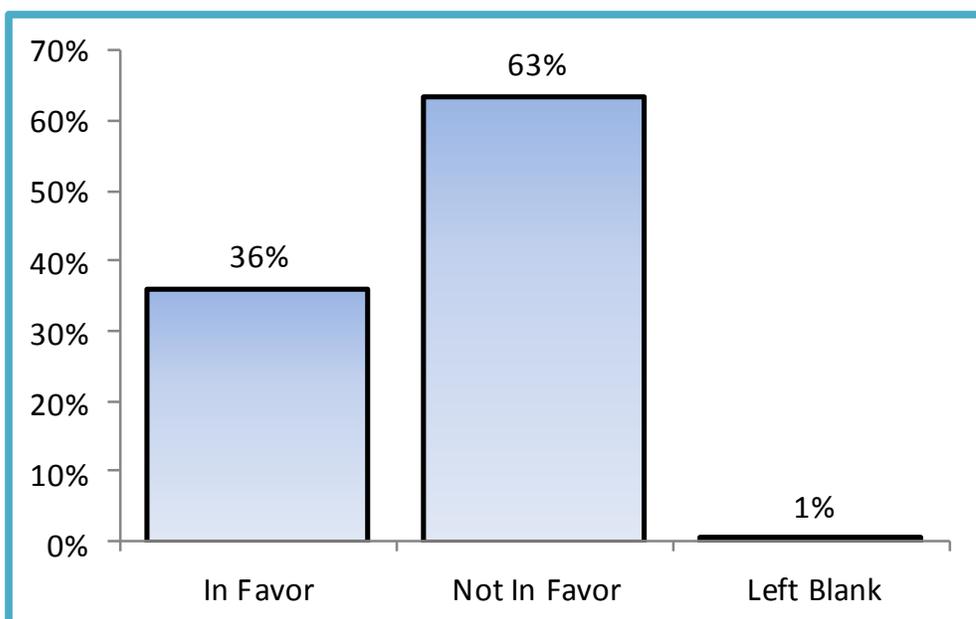
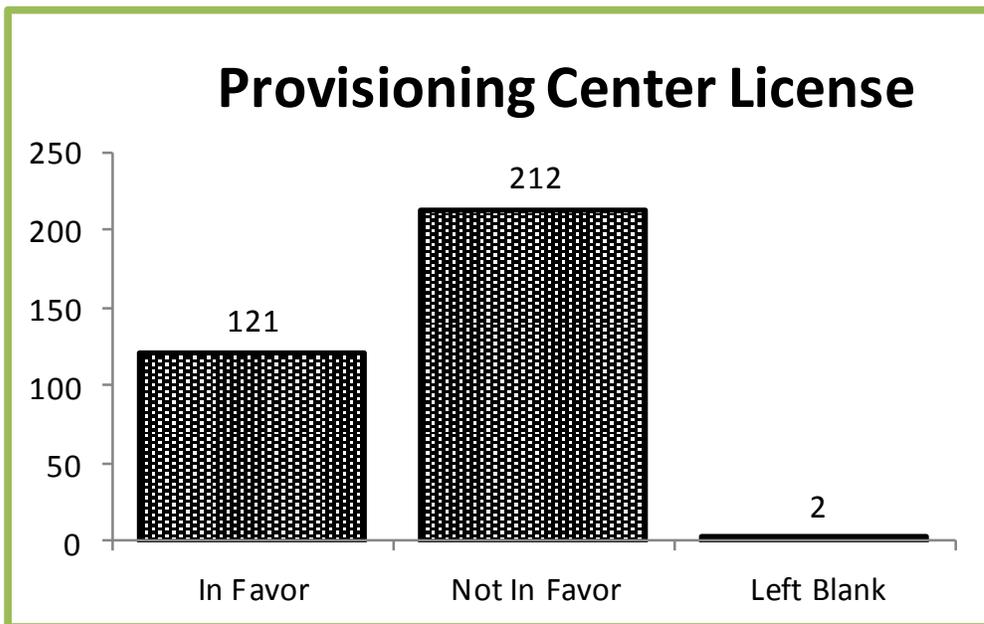
2. Processor: license authorizes purchase of marihuana only from a licensed grower and sale of marihuana or marihuana-infused products only to a provisioning center. Cannot have an interest in a Secure Transporter or Safety Compliance Facility. All transactions must be recorded in the statewide monitoring system and utilize a secure transporter for the transportation of all marihuana products.



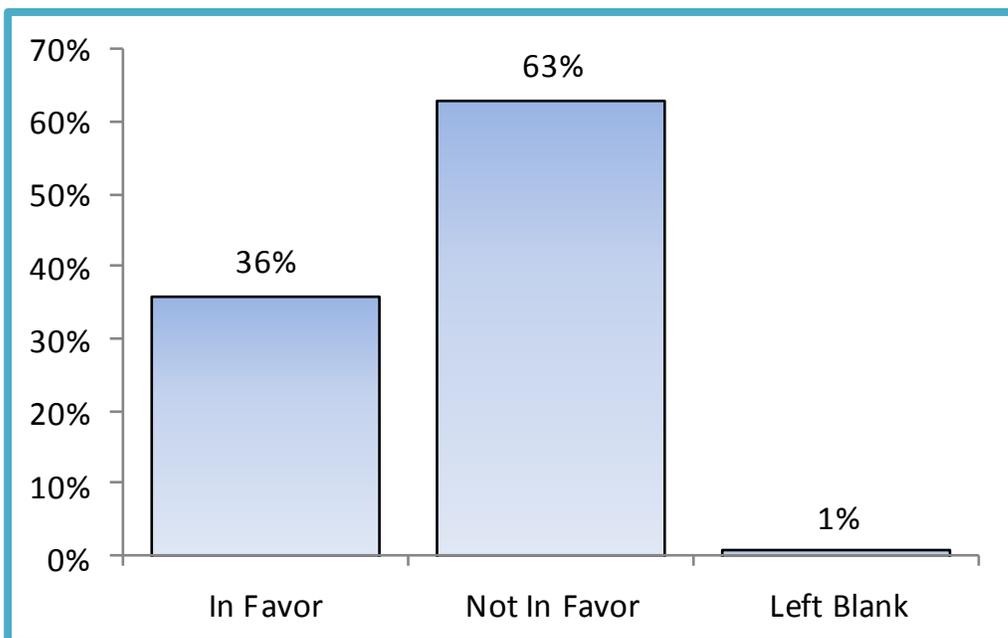
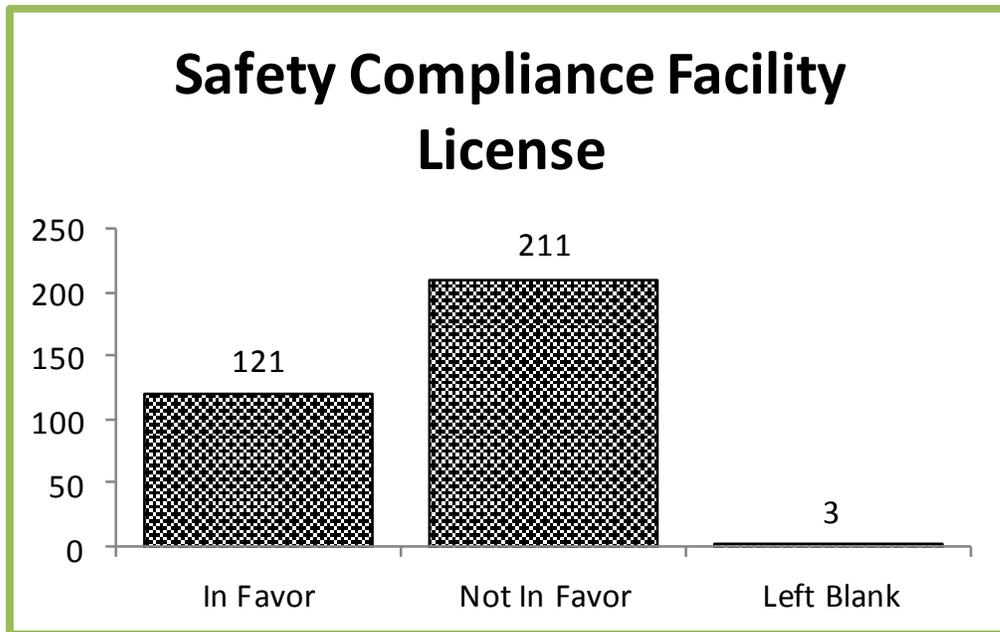
3. Secure Transporter: license authorizes the licensee to store and transport marijuana and money associated with the purchase or sale of marijuana between marijuana facilities for a fee. A Secure Transporter cannot have an interest in a Grower, Processor, Provisioning Center, or Safety Compliance Facility. All transactions must be recorded in the statewide monitoring system. Personnel must have a state issued chauffeur's license and no misdemeanors or felonies in the past five (5) years.



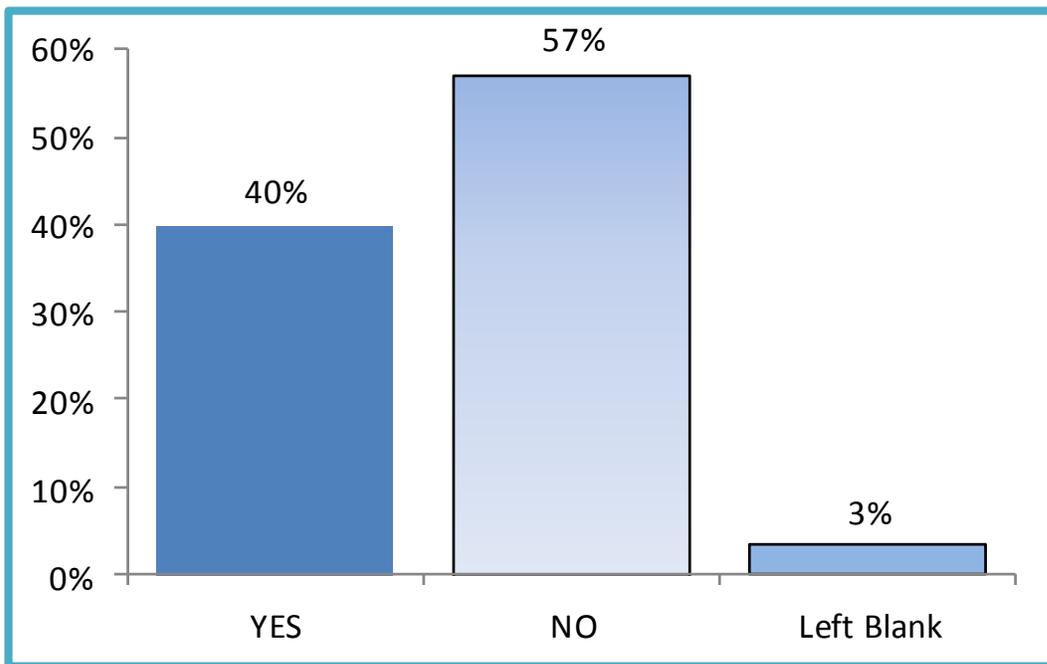
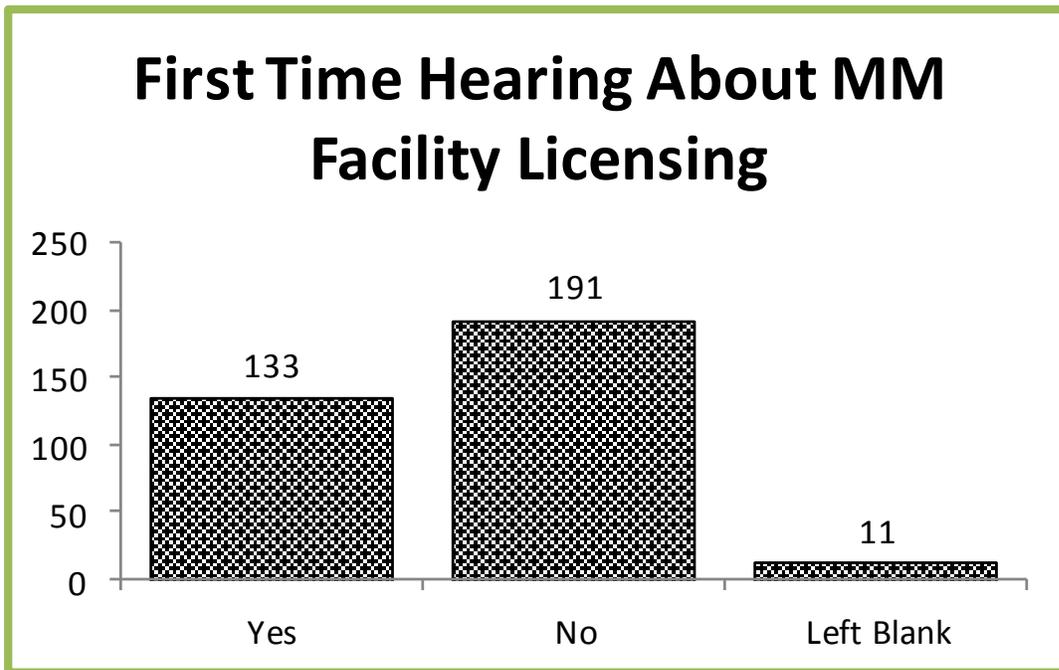
4. Provisioning Center (Sales): license authorizes the purchase or transfer of marihuana only from a grower, processor, or safety compliance facility, and the sale or transfer only to a registered qualifying patient or registered primary caregiver after it has been tested and properly labeled for retail sales. The Provisioning Center must also inquire of the statewide monitoring system to determine whether the patient or caregiver holds a valid, current, unexpired, and unrevoked registry identification card and that the sale or transfer will not exceed the daily purchasing limit as established by the medical marihuana licensing board. Cannot have an interest in a Secure Transporter or Safety Compliance Facility. All transactions must be recorded in the statewide monitoring system.



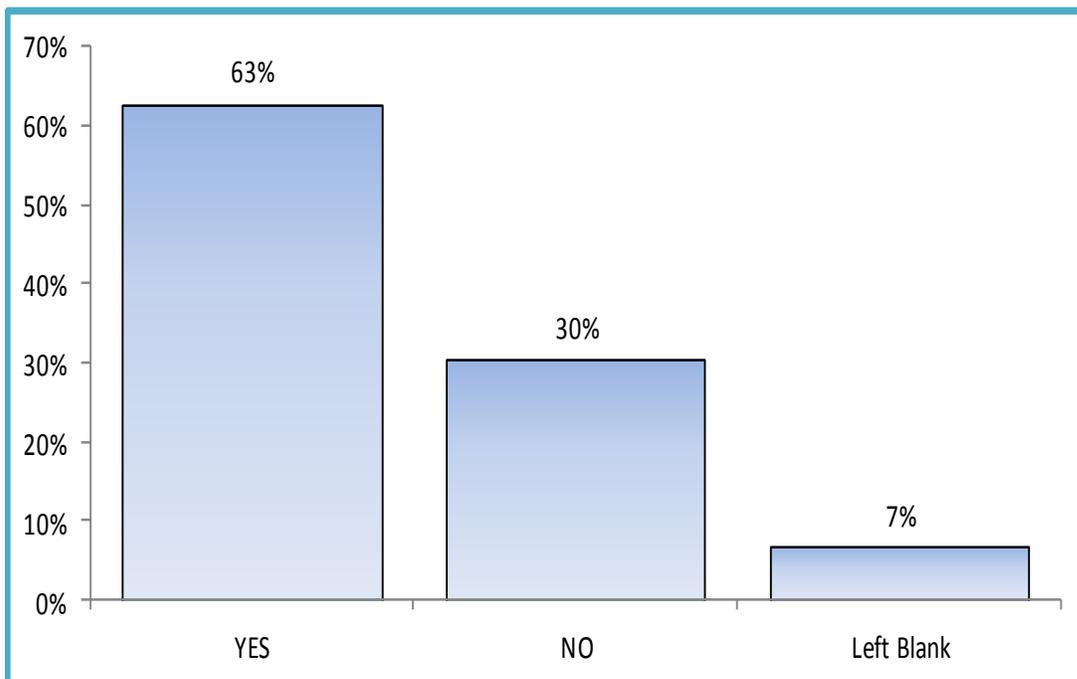
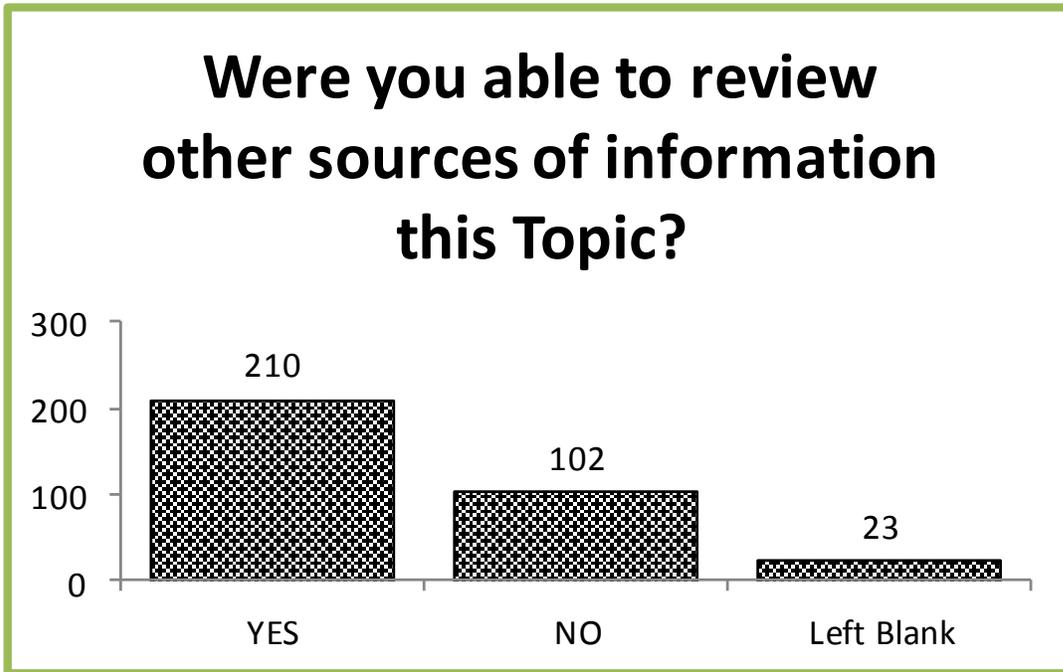
5. Safety Compliance Facility: license authorizes the facility to receive marihuana from, test marihuana for, and return marihuana to only a marihuana facility. The facility must be accredited by a state agency in using validated test methods to determine tetrahydrocannabinol, tetrahydrocannabinol acid, cannabidiol acid levels and certifying that the marihuana is reasonably free of chemical residues such as fungicides and insecticides. Cannot have an interest in a Grower, Secure Transporter, Processor or Provisioning Center. All transactions must be recorded in the statewide monitoring system and utilize a secure transporter for the transportation of all marihuana products.



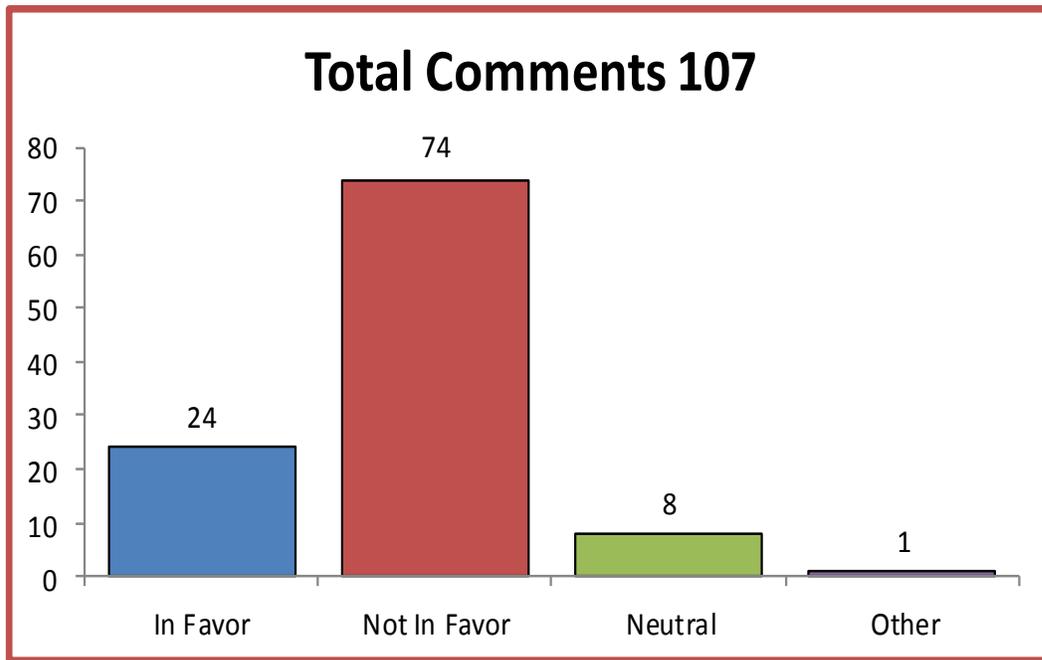
6. Is this the first time you have heard about the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act?
YES or NO



7. Were you able to review other sources of information on this topic? YES or NO



Comments



Absolutely insane we are even considering this public menace. We are promoting and contributing to a huge problem in our society.

ABSOLUTELY NOT!

Also support legalization if reasonably regulated.

Also support regulated legalization

Any facility selling or processing including growing should not be permitted to emit any odor into the outside air - thus exposing people to its oily nature or fragrance. This would adversely affect property values & expose people unwantly.

As long as the United States cannot control the import, its common sense to legalize and control it and enjoy the revenue to fix the roads, bridges and infrastructures.

Do not support any of these five license options for our Township to participate in. I do not believe any local revenues collected through these licenses will offset the significant law enforcement and social challenges introducing these facilities into our community will pose.

Do not want any of this trouble in Whitewater Township. Let the drug stores handle drugs.

Don't let any of this happen.

Gets in the hands of the wrong people. Causes accidents if users drive

Good business for the state!

Help those who need health in anyway!

Hopefully this facility is not near homes or residential properties if allowed in the Township.

Hopefully this will be monitored by law enforcement for any incensement in car accidents & other law problems.

I am in favor of medical marijuana. I have personally experienced medical/health benefits for aiding with symptoms associated with fibromyalgia. I also know two people who had stage 4 cancer. Chemo and radiation did not help but cannabis oil is working! My one friend has breast cancer and at her last screening her tumor had reduced by 60% !

I am not in favor of allowing growing marihuana in Michigan.

I am not in favor of any use of marihuana except for medical reasons & only if prescribed by a doctor. I believe marihuana adds to the dangers of driving.

I am not in favor of commercializing the growth & sale of a plant. Individuals should be allowed to ave 1 - 3 plants/person in their household. And it should not be illegal for personal use.

I am very very leary of fraud and abuse getting into this system. The demand for recreational marihuana is too great. We don't need more "fuzzy heads" driving cars! Nothing against helping people in pain. Doctors should be made to be "seconded" by another Dr. when prescribing.

I do not approve of the growth at all!

I do not need further information on the topic of marijuana. I have studied its' effects and am not in favor of legalizing it in anyway.

I do not support the use of medical marijuana and am not in favor of any of the above.

I do not think marijuana is good for a community or our children. - NO

I do not want it here.

I don't believe the money we receive in taxes will out weigh the cost of crime and property values going down. The state might think they can regulate it, but they have a bad track record on managing anything. This is a bad idea for our area!

I don't want our Village labeled a resource or destination for "Marihuana" users !!!

I feel that if allowed marihuana will follow the same path as controlled pain killers have - an epidemic.

I have property and I would like to apply for a license for Grower & Provisioning Center.

I just do not want this type of business in our township and/or County.

I realize this type of locilites are more acceptable by the public then ever before, but the regulations and monitoring is not restrictive enough or policed enough and therefore products are available for illegal sale. I DO NOT WANT THIS IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD!!!!

I think sales should go through a pharmacist. Need more information on licensing. Maybe later, but not at this time. I need more feed back from other municipalities.

I think this is a good thing that could bring more jobs to area, more opportunity for people to have alternative medical means of treatment.

I want nothing to do with marijuana. It brings bad elements & crime into our community. I moved up here to get away from that.

I would like to see a Township regulation against marijuana, rather than just doing nothing. I am very strongly against allowing marijuana in any form in Whitewater Township. I am much happier with the family friendly growth in parks and trails. If legal marijuana is allowed in Whitewater Township it would be something to cause me to move out of the Township. If this would pass our township may need to hire 10 more police and fire fighters and build a larger jail

Illegal means "illegal" It is against the law.

I'm only "not in favor " at this time given some of the unknowns. IE who will enforce the regulations, where will the facilities be located and other issues that are not necessarily known at this time.

It helps a lot of cancer patients and it's better than alcohol.

It is concerning what type of new residents this may bring in. CO is experiencing negative impact from the type of people that are moving to their state. Other forms of agriculture could have similar benefits without the negative impact. Wine production for example is a very positive crop in it's impact to the community.

It's going to happen; so, tax them to the full extent of the law. Put the money towards a new fire station.

Keep it OUT! !

Keep it outside of this township.

KEEP THE RIFT/RAT OUT

Lets get on board, look at Colorado, we can grow and be able to use the tax revenue for positive changes.

Marihuana is illegal in Michigan. Leave it at that. Whitewater Twp. Does not need to be involved in the illicit drugs trade.

The euphemirm "medical marihuana" is not an excuse to violate the law. Don't cave in to pressure from the city folks who live in the Twp's bedroom communities, nor to the downstaters who want to make over the Twp. in Detroit's image. In my humble opinion.

Marihuana - ?

Marijuana is spelled wrong MARIJUARA

Maybe the best for this is drug store like other drugs!

More Marihuana - more crime

Must be many more sick people than I thought there were. This is a plan ready to be exploited. There are so many other legal remedies to have to use. There have been too many other abuses. Let any such facility be put in some other area. I think the ultimate cost will outweigh any benefit. Thank you.

My firsthand experience with local contractors/tradesmen who have gone into the business of growing & selling marihuana is that 1. they become users of marihuana and methamphetamine and 2. become non-responsive/irresponsible with regard to their pre-existing work contracts with me (and my family). Finally, aside from pain relief for patients, most law enforcement officials believe marihuana is a gate way drug to serious drug/opioid/alcohol/addictions: I agree with them.

My knowledge in this (marihuana) area is very limited so I am not able to understand all of the ramifications of the above. Suffice it to say; I am only in favor of strict enforcement of LEGAL, medical usage as determined by medical doctors who are held TIGHTLY accountable for the RX they approve.

No comments. Don't know anything on drugs.

NO MARIHUANA! And anyone using marihuana should be allowed no State or Federal aid. Medical or not - No aid. This would create a good many jobs being filled. Too many stores are looking for help - but those "smoking" haven't got time to work. I do not want to support them.

No need to have this.

No objection to personal licensed caregivers providing medical marijuana to registered patients.

NO WAY!

NO!

NO! NO! NO!

NO! Not in my township!

NO! So people will be driving around high?? Dumb Law.

NO. I don't want ANY of this in our area. Thanks

Not a big deal morijuana will never be the drug of choice with Americans.

Not in favor

Not in favor of any of it. I have seen this drug too often become a gateway to larger problems for individuals as well as cities. I do not want to see my favorite place on earth (TC) die on this.

NOT IN FAVOR OF THIS ACTIVITY

NOT in favor of totally legalizing marijuana, but I understand this is for medical use only.

Not in my Backyard! This is a safe area & we don't need it.

Not in our community.

Not in our Township!

Nothing good will come of it, just more problems, and more expenses paid for by the taxpayers. It will do absolutely nothing to enhance our community or attract quality people.

On #7 - I did not take the time to try. I think the temptation to break these laws is so great, a broken law or two is bound to happen.

Our son was 51 - Marihuana damages peoples minds - especially young people - It destroyed our sons mind - he was so depressed that he killed himself. This stuff will destroy families. If you don't believe it ask our police. They live with it every day - the community health people too - This is very serious.

PEACE - LOVE - KILL THE PAIN!

People should be allowed to get their medicine easily and discreetly. If we went through this much trouble with opioids, maybe it wouldn't be such an epidemic.

Please do NOT allow in our community!!

Please do not allow. Thank you!

Research points out marijuan has medical value. It could generate jobs, tax money. Black market will be rnuided unless licensed and regulated by government, so better to legalize and regulate vs illegal & unregulated activity. Minor drug offenses that clog up courts / cost taxpayers would be reduced. DUI needs to be enforced just like alcohol & driving laws.

Slipper slope to allowing & regulating & enforcing.

Take the revenue!

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Thank you for opportunity to comment.

Thanks!

The city of TC may see this as a "cash cow" or otherwise a good idea to pander to the vocal pot heads; but there is no way any perceived "benefits" of allowing any of this in WW Twp will be more than the very real direct/indirect costs and adverse consequences.

The doors are opening to legalize Marijiana. We may as well be the recipient of the taxes collected by allowing there operations.

The entire state of Colorado is being negatively affected. 77% of fatal accidents in Colorado have involved persons blood showing active THC. This is a big mistake Michigan will soon learn that todays maujauna is a gateway drug & will ultimately wreak our youth. These current strains are 30+%pure vs. 2 - 3% in the 1980's & 1990's. We are turning this country into a drug dependent society because so many are uninformed!

The main issues appear to be odor and possibly light pollution. If these issues are properly regulated, there is nothing wrong with the rest of it. Thanks.

The State of MI has shown evidence of incompetence in monitoring other areas of safety compliance. Thus, what makes them trustworthy of handling the marihuana situation any better? The State's tendency has been to place dollars (tax revenues) above possible consequences.

The support for marihuana is most often based on "relativist" arguments (i.e., "it is not worse than alcohol", or "it is better than opioids". Is there any honest doubt that increasing marihuana usage will increase instances of people driving, working, etc. under the influence?

This is not what our community needs. Not a good solution at all for any other problems, ect. Please read the paper and try to understand what is really happening in other areas that let this proceed!

This survey is extremely narrow and limited. It does not allow for any variables in the questions. Example: #1 Growers: By this definition all small growers would be put out of business making them go to industrial or Ag zones is anti small business. Many grower do is use their basements or garages.

This will attract the wrong kind of people to our community. It is bad enough they drive through, lets not have them move in. Please do not be tempted by the money. Do Not Do This!!!!

Too many issues to be worked out for enforcement and implantation before having the township jump into the fray and end up regretting. Let's allow some time to pass and see how other communities, states handle the problems that arise, then reassess our position.

Too Many problems with marihuana and its use. Puts those of us non-users at risk on the highways and elsewhere! Check out all the problems in Colorado. This is just the beginning.

Very Bad Idea

Very much in favor of our township granting accesses to medical marijuana facility's. There going to open our community should utilize the advantages of the tax revenue.

We are not in favor of any of this in our beautiful, serene township. It actually cause us to consider moving elsewhere.

We are not in favor of any of this in our township. It's illegal.

We feel this should be legalized and then properly monitored & regulated.

We want a safer place to live. This should never be allowed.

What about state Law? Isn't that enough! Do we need more Reg? Where did you come up with this anyway?

Whitewater Township has one of the lowest crime rates in the county. Let's keep it that way. Don't let greed (the source of all evil) get in the way. Bad company ruins good morals.

While the revenue from taxation of this licensing is eternally tempting, the risks far outweigh the benefits of carrying forth. Whitewater Township has subsisted thus far in time without such facilities and should carry on in the future as same.

Why would we allow something in our township that is against the federal laws? When did "illegal" stop meaning against the law?

With reasonable checks and balances our twp need some more industry.

With the right supervision, it is a great opportunity for our community.

Your website had nothing on this topic! I tried the last link on your list, and that produced nothing. I went online myself and found a bit of info. I guess I don't want anything to do with it in our township.