

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 79

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY, MICHIGAN MARIHUANA BUSINESS ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

An Ordinance to amend the Whitewater Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, to provide for the regulation of Commercial Medical Marihuana Facilities, and Primary Caregiver operations; and designate such Facilities, Establishments, and Operations as permitted or special uses; in order to maintain the public health, safety and welfare of the residents and visitors to Whitewater Township.

THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Article III, Definitions: The Whitewater Township Zoning Ordinance, Article III, Definitions, shall be amended to add the following definitions:

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS shall include subdivisions, condominium developments, and Planned Unit Developments (PUD) intended for residential use.

MARIHUANA RELATED DEFINITIONS:

MMFLA: Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act

MRTMA: Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act

MARIHUANA CAREGIVER OPERATION: is the cultivation, storage, or distribution of medical marihuana by a Primary Caregiver in accordance with the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, Initiated Law 1 of 2008 ("MMMA"), See Article 37.60."

Marihuana - CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENT: as that term is defined by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs being a commercial space that is licensed by LARA or the MRA and authorized to permit adults 21 years of age and older to consume marihuana products at the location indicated on the state license or as may be defined in the MRTMA.

EXCESS MARIHUANA GROWER: as that term is defined by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, being a grower authorized to grow additional marihuana plants in increments of 2,000 or as may be defined in the MRTMA.

MARIHUANA BUSINESS: means any of the following marihuana-related businesses licensed under the MMFLA or MRTMA:

MARIHUANA EVENT ORGANIZER: as that term is defined by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, being a person authorized to hold a temporary marihuana event or as may be defined in the MRTMA.

MARIHUANA GROWER is a commercial entity licensed to cultivate, dry, trim, or cure and package marihuana for sale to a processor or provisioning center.

MARIHUANA MICROBUSINESS: as that term is defined in the MRTMA, being a person licensed to cultivate not more than 150 marihuana plants; process and package marihuana; and sell or otherwise transfer marihuana to individuals who are 21 years of age or older or to a marihuana safety compliance facility, but not to other marihuana establishments.

Marihuana - PRIMARY CAREGIVER means a person who has agreed to assist a patient with the medical use of marihuana and has a valid state license to do so. See Article 37.60.

MARIHUANA PROCESSER is a commercial entity licensed to purchase marihuana from a grower and extract resin, package, create marijuana-infused products, or similarly prepare marihuana substances for sale.

MARIHUANA RETAILER: as that term is defined in the MRTMA, being a person licensed to obtain marihuana from marihuana establishments and to sell or otherwise transfer marihuana to marihuana establishments and to individuals who are 21 years of age or older.

MARIHUANA SAFETY COMPLIANCE FACILITY: as that term is defined in the MRTMA, being a person licensed to test marihuana, including certification for potency and the presence of contaminants.

Marihuana - SECURE TRANSPORTER is a commercial entity licensed to store and/or transport marihuana between facilities.

TEMPORARY MARIHUANA EVENT: as that term is defined by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs being a state license held by a marihuana event organizer under the MRTMA, for an event where the onsite sale or consumption of marihuana products, or both, are authorized at the location indicated on the state license or as may be defined in the MRTMA.

Marihuana - QUALIFYING PATIENT is a person who had been diagnosed by a physician as having a debilitating medical condition being treated by marihuana. See Article 37.60

OTHER MARIHUANA RELATED DEFINITIONS: other marihuana related terms undefined by this Township Zoning Ordinance will be given their meaning assigned by the Whitewater Township Ordinance Authorizing and Permitting Adult-Use Marihuana Establishments or the Whitewater Township Ordinance Authorizing and Permitting Commercial Medical Marihuana Facilities. Any other marihuana related terms undefined by other Whitewater Township ordinances shall be assigned their meaning contained in the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act (MMMA), Initiated Law 1 of 2008; the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA), Public Act 281 of 2016; the Michigan Regulation & Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRTMA), Initiated Law 1 of 2018; by the Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA); and by applicable Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) Rules and Regulations.

Section 2. Amendment of Article 6, Section 6.10, Permitted Uses: The Whitewater Township Zoning Ordinance, Article 6 Residential R-1, Section 6.10, Permitted Uses, shall be amended to include the following:

I. Caregiver Operations

Section 3. Amendment of Article 8, Section 8.11, Uses Permitted by Special Use Permit: The Whitewater Township Zoning Ordinance, Article 8 Commercial District C Section 8.11, Uses Permitted by Special Use Permit in the Commercial District, shall be amended to include the following:

- R. Medical Marihuana Grow Facility subject to the standards of Article 25.22.E.
 - S. Medical Marihuana Processor Facility subject to the standards of Article 25.22.E.
- Renumber balance of section, 8.11, without change to text.

Section 4. Amendment of Article 9, Section 9.11, Uses Permitted by Special Use Permit: The Whitewater Township Zoning Ordinance, Article 9 Industrial District N, Section 9.11, Uses Permitted by Special Use Permit, shall be amended to include the following:

- E. Medical Marihuana Grow Facility subject to the standards of Article 25.22.E.
 - F. Medical Marihuana Processor Facility subject to the standards of Article 25.22.E.
- Renumber balance of section, 9.11, without change to text.

Section 5. Amendment of Article 10, Section 10.11, Uses Permitted by Special Use Permit: The Whitewater Township Zoning Ordinance, Article 10 Agricultural A-1, Section 10.11, Uses Permitted by Special Use Permit, shall be amended to include the following:

- C. Medical Marihuana Grow Facility subject to the standards of Article 25.22.E.
 - D. Medical Marihuana Processor Facility subject to the standards of Article 25.22.E.
- Renumber balance of section, 10.11, without change to text.

Section 6. Amendment of Article 25, Section 25.22, Additional Conditions of Special Uses: The Whitewater Township Zoning Ordinance, Article 25 Site Plan Review and Special Land Uses, Section 25.22, Additional Conditions of Special Uses, shall be amended to include the following:

E. S.U.P. STANDARDS GOVERNING LOCATION AND OPERATION.

Grower and Processor Businesses: Any S.U.P. application in the Commercial C, Industrial (N), or Agricultural (Ag) district and shall comply with the following standards and shall include the following information in addition to the existing requirement for site plan and SUP.

A. SUP applicants shall provide the following:

1. Whether the Marihuana Business will be a principle or accessory use on the property:
 - a. An SUP for a Marihuana Business may be granted as a principal or accessory use in the Agricultural District (Ag).
 - b. An SUP for a Marihuana Business may be granted as a principal use in the Commercial (C-1) or Industrial (N) districts.
2. A waste disposal plan shall be included with all applications detailing plans for solid, liquid, chemical, plant, and byproduct disposal or processing which does not include on site incineration.
3. A security plan that details compliance with the following requirements:
 - a. Security surveillance cameras installed to monitor all entrances, along with the interior and exterior of the Permitted Premises; and

- b. Robbery and burglary alarm systems that are professionally monitored and operated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and
 - c. A locking vault permanently affixed to the Permitted Premises that shall store cash or product as required by Michigan State law.
 - d. All Marihuana in whatever form stored at the Permitted Premises shall be kept in a secure manner, and it shall not be exchanged, displayed or dispensed outside the Permitted Premises; and
 - e. All security recordings and documentation shall be preserved for at least seven (7) days by the Permit Holder and made available to any law enforcement agency upon request for inspection.
4. Lighting Plans detailing compliance with the following standards and those detailed in Article 29, External Lighting Regulations:
- a. A Security Lighting Plan which takes into consideration neighboring properties.
 - b. Any artificial lighting must be shielded to prevent glare and light trespass and must not be visible from neighboring properties, adjacent streets or public right of ways.
 - c. All lighting, and associated equipment, such as but not limited to lamps, lights, ballasts, switches, controllers, computers, and any and all other equipment used on the premises must meet and fully comply with all applicable rules as required by the Federal Communications Commission. Further, there must be no harmful and/or interfering electromagnetic emissions to any one-way or two-way radio communications, on or off the premises. Compliance with FCC Rules and Regulations is a condition of licensure by the Township.
5. Proposed hours of operation shall be specified in the application and are subject to Planning Commission approvals.

B. SUP permit holders for Marihuana Businesses are subject to the following conditions:

1. No Marihuana Business shall be located within one thousand (1000) feet of any licensed educational institution or school, college or university, church or house of worship or other religious facility, or public or private park, if such uses are in existence at the time the Marihuana Business is issued an initial permit, with the minimum distance between uses measured horizontally between the closest edge of any such building or use on the property.
2. Any structure housing a Marihuana Businesses in any district shall maintain a total footprint of all buildings equal to or less than a 40% maximum coverage of the property.
3. Signage shall not indicate the nature of the location as a Marihuana Business. A Marihuana Business can only have a sign if approved by the Township Planning Commission by SUP or under the Additional Signage by Special Use process defined in Article 30.

4. A Marihuana Business's operations shall create no disturbance detectable to the normal senses at or beyond its property line, including but not limited to processes that create noise, dust, vibration, glare, fumes, odor or electrical interference.
5. Incineration shall not be permitted at any marihuana business location.
6. Marihuana Businesses located in the Agricultural District shall subject to the following additional standards:
 - a. Any Marihuana Business shall be held to the Exterior Lighting Regulations for Commercial and Industrial Zones as listed in Article 29.
 - b. Any Marihuana Business may be required to include a landscape buffer adhering to the Industrial District Standards as defined in Landscape Standards, Article 33.
 - c. Any Marihuana Business shall be held to the Industrial standards in Article 34, Off Street Parking and Loading.
 - d. All Marihuana Business structures and operations shall maintain a two hundred (200) foot setback measured horizontally between the closest edge of any building or operation and the property line of any existing residential development, residential zoning district, or a district in which Commercial Medical Marihuana Facilities or Marihuana Establishments are not permitted.
 - e. All Marihuana Business structures and operations shall maintain a three hundred (300) foot setback measured horizontally between the closest edge of any building or operation and any existing residential dwelling not held in like ownership.
 - f. A variance may be sought as provided for in the zoning ordinance and where the Marihuana Business would operate from a structure previously used for commercial purposes.
7. In additions to these requirements a Marihuana Business shall comply with all state and local laws, regulations, and Ordinances, including without limitation other sections of the Township Zoning Ordinance, the MMFLA and the MRTMA to the extent such ordinances do not create obligations in conflict with this Ordinance.
8. Any Marihuana Establishments shall comply with the underlying zoning in that district.

Section 7. Amendment of Article 37, Supplementary Provisions: The Whitewater Township Zoning Ordinance, Article 37 Temporary Buildings and Uses, shall be amended to include the following:

37.60 Marihuana Caregiver Operations

A. Caregiver Operations by a Primary Caregiver shall be governed by the following standards:

1. 1. A Caregiver Operation shall comply with the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, Michigan Initiated Law 1 of 2008, MCL 333.26421, et seq. ("MMMA").
2. 2. A Caregiver Operations shall be an Accessory Use of the premises.
3. There shall be no more than one Primary Caregiver Operation per premises.
4. All medical marihuana must be contained within a separate enclosed, locked facility for medical marihuana patients for which the medical marihuana caregiver is lawfully connected, in accordance with the MMMA. The

enclosed, locked facility shall have secure windows and doors where applicable and the medical marihuana caregiver shall implement security measures to prevent theft of stored marihuana.

5. Distribution, growth or cultivation of medical marihuana, and all other related activity, must occur indoors.
6. The Qualifying Patient or Primary Caregiver must possess and maintain a valid registry identification card by the Bureau of Health Professions, Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs or their successors.
7. Caregiver Operations shall obtain all necessary building, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical permits for any part of the structure in which electrical, wiring, lighting, or watering devices that support the cultivation, growing, or harvesting of marihuana occurs.
8. All lighting, and associated equipment, such as but not limited to lamps, lights, ballasts, switches, controllers, computers, and any and all other electrical, electromechanical, or electronic devices employed on the premises must meet and fully comply with all applicable rules as required by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) Further, there must be no harmful and/or interfering electromagnetic emissions to any one-way or two-way radio communications, on or off the premises. Compliance with FCC Rules and Regulations is a condition of licensure by the Township.
9. Caregiver Operations shall control any odor from the premises by regularly maintaining and operating an air scrubbing and carbon filtration system or other reasonably available odor control technology so that no odor from the acquisition, possession, cultivation, processing, transfer, or sale of marihuana is detectable at the property line of the parcel.
10. A Caregiver Operation shall be operated in a manner that does not create excessive noise, dust, vibrations, glare, fumes, electrical interference, or odors that are detectable to a reasonable person of normal sensitivities beyond the parcel on which the use occurs. There shall be no external evidence, signage, or lighting related to the Caregiver Cultivation Operation detectable from the exterior of the property.
11. There shall be no external evidence, signage, or lighting related to the Caregiver Operation detectable from the exterior of the premises.