Unincorporated Washoe County
Legalized Marijuana Regulations

Overview of Medical and Recreational Marijuana

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Marijuana Code Amendment Journey

- **Temporary Regulations Adopted by Nevada Department of Taxation**: May 8, 2017
- **State adoption temporary regulations governing recreational marijuana**: January 1, 2018
- **Recreational Use of Marijuana Legal in Nevada**: January 1, 2018
- **BCC Enact Temporary Recreational Marijuana Regulations**: July 25, 2017
- **WC Enacts Temporary Recreational License Regulations**: July 25, 2017
- **WC Preparation draft local codes for recreational marijuana**: Phase II
- **BCC Enact Permanent WC Regulations for Marijuana**: April 20, 2018
- **WC Enacts Permanent License Regulations**: Feb 27, 2018

**Washoe County Commissioners have considered implementation of marijuana a priority with over 10 board presentations since 2013.**
Marijuana WC Implementation Timeline

*Per state regulations, applications for recreational marijuana between July 1, 2018 and November 2018 are only available to medical marijuana facilities that are in good standing and meet Nevada Department of Taxation licensing/submission requirements. Washoe County will be fast tracking applications for 2018.
# Board Approved Vision

**I. Extent and impact of legalized marijuana in unincorporated Washoe County**

**BCC Policy:** Address traffic, public safety, visual, air quality and other direct impacts on neighborhood communities by limiting the extent and impact of legalized marijuana in unincorporated Washoe County.

**II. Accountability**

**BCC Policy:** Acknowledge the role of state partners and local jurisdictions in the governance and enforcement of legalized marijuana; and, industry should pay for the direct and indirect costs of legalized marijuana (ie. maximize revenue).

**III. Regional Parity and Equity**

**BCC Policy:** Partner with local jurisdictions to ensure streamline process, but consider unique needs of unincorporated Washoe County.

**IV. Extent of Public Participation**

**BCC Policy:** Ensure transparency and consideration for public feedback during the code review process and mimic other similar licenses (liquor).

**V. Simplicity, streamline processes, streamline code**

**BCC Policy:** Streamline and simplify processes to treat medical and recreational marijuana in the same manner and ensure clarity in the process.
Board Approved Focus Areas

1. Single licensure of medical and recreational facilities
2. 3% license fee, recover all costs for compliance inspections and licensing, and review options for charging marijuana establishment specific application fees
3. Do not allow for public use lounges (social consumption) or other similar facilities for public consumption
Incorporating Feedback

**Process**
- Education: Role State/Local Government
- 350 responses online
- 24+ participants at public/industry meetings
- Comments from last 2 years

**Public**
- Reinforced the Board’s direction
- Continue education effort to clarify roles and responsibilities of state and local government in regulating marijuana
- Education: protecting the vulnerable populations, public health and public safety

**Industry**
- Flexible payment options
- Enable expanded hours of operation,
- Sheriff Office Registration Card Extension, and
- Future discussion social consumption lounges
Questions from the Public

- Home Delivery
- Where does the money go?
- Public Safety concerns (45% of responses related to public safety)
Public Safety Concerns

- Education
- Underage Use
- Impaired Driving