



Medical Marijuana



What is it?

High CBD content– oil used to primarily treat certain medical conditions – already allowed in a limited basis under the Compassionate Care Act.

High THC content – used for pain relief, euphoric effect and appetite enhancement

Oils, tinctures, vape cartridges, capsules and edibles are allowed.

Smokeable products are not allowed.

Vertically integrated business model, seed to sale.



Where We're At Currently

Nine-Month Moratorium

Enacted October 25, 2016

Expires July 25, 2017

Tentative regulation creation timeline

- June 12, 2017 Planning Zoning Advisory Board
- June 27, 2017 first reading Board of County Commissioners
- July 11, 2017 second reading Board of County Commissioners



Items to date

October 19,
2016

- Joint Sarasota County/Charlotte County Board of County Commission meeting

October 20,
2016

- Community Development Staff attended a Medical Marijuana symposium

February 3,
2017

- County Administration, Community Development, and County Attorney Office staff attended a tour of a growing, processing, and distribution center

February 4,
2017

- Board of County Commission, Administration, County Attorney Office, Human Resources, and Community Development staff attended the Florida Association of Counties Medical Marijuana Summit



Analysis of State Law

“All matters regarding the regulation of the **cultivation and processing** of medical cannabis... by dispensing organizations are preempted to the state.”

However,

“[a] municipality [or county] may determine by ordinance the criteria for the number of and location of, and other permitting requirements that do not conflict with state law or department rule for, **dispensing facilities** of dispensing organizations location within its municipal boundaries [or within the unincorporated areas of that county, respectively].”



How are others handling this?

Wait and see

- 20'ish

Moratoriums

- 25 enacted (6 or more likely)

Regulatory
Measures

- 5 enacted

Zoning/Land
Use

- 8 enacted



Zoning Regulations

Zoning districts

- Commercial
- Industrial
- Office/Medical/Institutional
- Agricultural

Distance requirements

- Schools, day cares, house of worship

Separation requirements

Adequate set backs and buffers from residential districts⁷



Regulatory Measures

Application/license processes

- Include scoring standards
- Review committee
- Appeal rights; procedure

Hours of operation

No retail sales or dispensing at cultivation facility

Transaction records retention

Require medical directors

Inspections

Storage methods (sealed/locked container)



Moving forward...

What districts?

Licensing requirements?

- Dispensing facility?
- Employees?
- Delivery drivers?

Numerical criteria?

- 1 per 100,000 residents?

What distance requirements from schools?

Developmental standards?

- Stand alone structure, in line?
- Parking?
- Security?
- Signage?



Questions?