



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To: Jim Scholl, City Manager

Through: Patrick Wright, Interim Planning Director

From: Melissa Paul-Leto, Planner Analyst

Meeting Date: April 4, 2017

Agenda Item: Consideration of an ordinance to invoke the Zoning in Progress doctrine; declaring that the City establish a temporary moratorium for a period of 270 days from the effective date of this ordinance relating to medicinal cannabis activities; providing for severability; providing for repeal of inconsistent provisions, providing for an effective date.

Action Item / Background

The Florida Department of Health and the Legislature have yet to write the final rules governing the voter-approved Amendment 2 which is designed to make medical marijuana more accessible.

The current Land Development Regulations does not provide regulation for the location of growing, cultivation, processing, manufacturing, dispensing, distribution and sale of medical cannabis, derivative products and related activities.

The Planning Department is putting forth for consideration by the City Commission an ordinance for a moratorium on such activities. A moratorium for 270 days is intended to give the Planning Department, for zoning in progress purposes, time to draft and review land use regulations; hold public hearings for an amendment to the City's Land Development Regulations; to ensure the Department promulgates reasonable regulations relating to such activities.

PROCESS

The ordinance will require two City Commission readings for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Department is recommending that the City Commission recommend approval of the moratorium.