

Chapter 56 - MARIJUANA

ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

Secs. 56-1—56-232. - Reserved.

ARTICLE II. - MEDICAL MARIJUANA

FOOTNOTE(S):

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Editor's note—Sec. 2 of Ord. No. 2014-05, adopted Mar. 4, 2014, repealed and reenacted art. II in its entirety to read as herein set out. Former art. II pertained to licensing regulations, consisted of §§ 56-233—56-246, and derived from Ord. No. 2011-10, adopted Apr. 5, 2011; and Ord. No. 2011-25, adopted June 20, 2011.

Sec. 56-233. - Legislative intent and authority.

- (a) Section 14 of Article XVIII of the Colorado Constitution establishes an affirmative defense from criminal prosecution by the state for certain persons who use or provide medical marijuana to treat debilitating conditions and the Colorado Medical Marijuana Code, C.R.S. § 12-43.3-101, et seq., authorizes a system of state and local licensing for businesses engaged in the cultivation, testing, manufacturing, and retail sale of medical marijuana (collectively "medical marijuana establishments"), which allows localities to prohibit licensing of medical marijuana establishments and to impose distance and size restrictions upon such establishments along with other requirements to ensure control of the premises and ease of enforcement.
- (b) The authority of the city to regulate medical marijuana establishments is further set forth in the Colorado Medical Marijuana Code, Article 43.3, Title 12, C.R.S., Colorado Medical Marijuana Program (C.R.S. § 25-1.5-106), and Part 3, Article 23, Title 31, C.R.S., (municipal zoning powers), § 31-15-103, C.R.S., and § 31-15-401, C.R.S., (municipal police powers), § 31-15-501, C.R.S. (municipal authority regulate businesses), Article XX, Section 6 of the Colorado Constitution, and the powers contained in the city's home rule charter.

(Ord. No. 2014-05, § 2, 3-4-14)

Sec. 56-234. - Relationship to other laws.

- (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, this article incorporates the requirements and procedures set forth in the Colorado Medical Marijuana Code and its rules. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this article and the provisions of the Colorado Medical Marijuana Code, including its rules or any other applicable state or local law, the more restrictive provision shall control.

(Ord. No. 2014-05, § 2, 3-4-14)

Sec. 56-235. - Definitions.

- (a) The following words and phrases shall mean as follows unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Colorado Medical Marijuana Code, ("Medical Marijuana Code") shall mean Section 1, Title 12, Article 43.3, Colorado Revised Statutes, and its rules (1 CCR 212-1) as both may be amended from time to time.

Commercial zoning districts shall mean the commercial and business zone districts as defined in section 26-10 of the Lafayette Code of Ordinances (T1, B1 and C1), including amendments thereof, as well as property whose use is regulated by a planned unit development plan that includes any of those zone districts as the underlying zone district.

Industrial hygienist means an individual who has obtained a baccalaureate or graduate degree in industrial hygiene, biology, chemistry, engineering, physics or a closely-related physical or biological science from an accredited college or university and who meets the skills, ability, and competence to perform the tasks required by the state pursuant to 1 CCR 212-1, as same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

Industrial zoning districts shall mean the "industrial (M1)" as defined in section 26-11 of the Lafayette Code of Ordinances, including amendments thereof, as well as property whose use is regulated by a planned unit development plan that includes only "industrial (M1)" as the underlying zone district. A planned unit development plan that allows any commercial zoning district(s) in addition to industrial (M1) as an underlying zone district, shall not qualify as an industrial zoning district for the purposes of this article.

Medical marijuana means marijuana that is grown and sold pursuant to this article and the Medical Marijuana Code for a purpose authorized by Section 14 of Article XVIII of the Colorado Constitution.

Medical marijuana establishment means a licensed medical marijuana center, medical marijuana-infused product manufacturer, or optional premises cultivation operation.

Medical marijuana center means a person licensed by both the state and city to operate a business that sells medical marijuana to registered patients, primary caregivers, licensed medical marijuana centers, and medical marijuana-infused product manufacturers.

Medical marijuana-infused product manufacturer means a person licensed by both the state and city to operate a business that produces medical marijuana-infused products for sale to medical marijuana centers.

Optional premises cultivation operation means the premises specified by a medical marijuana center licensee to be used to cultivate medical marijuana for a purpose authorized by the Colorado Medical Marijuana Code and Section 14 of Article XVIII of the State Constitution.

School means a public, kindergarten or school through twelfth grade (K—12), college, or university.

(b) In addition to the definitions set forth herein, the terms used in this article shall have the meaning ascribed to them in Section 14 of Article XVIII of the Colorado Constitution and the Colorado Medical Marijuana Code and its rules.

(Ord. No. 2014-05, § 2, 3-4-14; Ord. No. 2015-16, § 1, 4-21-15)

Sec. 56-236. - License/bond requirements.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a medical marijuana establishment without obtaining a license to operate such business in accordance with the requirements of this article.

(b)

The license requirement set forth in this article shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other licensing and permitting requirements imposed by any other federal, state, or local law, rule, or regulations, including, by way of example, the Medical Marijuana Code, its rules, and any applicable local zoning or building code.

- (c) All medical marijuana establishments which sell at retail, in addition to being required to obtain a city sales tax license, must as a condition of licensing, procure, maintain, and file with the city's finance department evidence of a good and sufficient bond in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) with a corporate surety duly licensed to do business in the State of Colorado, approved as to form by the city and conditioned upon the applicant's reporting and payment of all city sales and use taxes required by law.
- (d) A separate license shall be required for each specific business or business entity and for each geographical location.

(Ord. No. 2014-05, § 2, 3-4-14)

Sec. 56-237. - Application.

- (a) Prior to submitting an application for a local license, an applicant must obtain an approved zoning verification form from the city's community development department which, based upon an applicant's submittal of an area map drawn to scale, demonstrates that the proposed medical marijuana establishment is in compliance with the location restrictions set forth in section 56-241. Applicants shall submit the approved zoning verification form to the city clerk along with the completed State Marijuana Enforcement Division forms, together with all supplemental information required by the city.
- (b) The applicant shall also provide the following information to the city, which information shall be required for the applicant, and as applicable, the manager of the medical marijuana establishment, and all persons having any financial interest in the medical marijuana establishment that is the subject of the application; to the extent that any of the following information has been included with the applicant's state license application the local licensing authority may rely upon the information without requiring re-submittal of the same materials for the local license application.
 - (1) Proof of insurance of workers' compensation insurance and public liability insurance, which at a minimum meets the current maximum liability amounts for injury to any single person, or for any injury to two (2) or more persons in any such occurrence, as set forth in the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act (C.R.S. § 24-10-114), as same may be amended from time to time.
 - (2) An operating plan for the proposed medical marijuana establishment, including the following information:
 - (i) A description of the products and services to be provided by the medical marijuana establishment.
 - (ii) A dimensional floor plan, drawn to scale, clearly labeled, and showing:
 - (A) The layout of the structure and the floor plan in which the medical marijuana establishment is to be located;
 - (B) The principal uses of the floor area depicted on the floor plan, including, but not limited to, the areas where the public will be permitted, and all private, cultivation, storage, retailing, testing, and restricted areas where medical marijuana will be located;

- (C) Areas where any services other than the distribution of medical marijuana are proposed to occur in the premises; and
- (3) The city shall require each medical marijuana establishment applicant to obtain and submit a report from an industrial hygienist to verify that the establishment's facility and its processes and procedures, which include, but are not limited to, the sale, storage, processing, extraction, washing, heating, cultivation, and packaging of marijuana, are in compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations and adequately designed and operated to protect the establishment, its employees, customers, the general public, and adjacent properties.
 - (4) A plan for disposal of any medical marijuana or medical marijuana-infused product that is not sold in a manner that protects any portion thereof from being possessed or ingested by any person or animal.
 - (5) A plan for ventilation of the medical marijuana establishment that fully describes the ventilation systems that will ensure the odor of marijuana cannot be detected by a person with a normal sense of smell at the exterior of the medical marijuana establishment or at any adjoining property. For medical marijuana establishments that cultivate marijuana, such plan shall also include all ventilation systems used to control the environment for the marijuana plants and describe how such systems operate in conjunction with the systems preventing any odor leaving the premises. For medical marijuana establishments that produce marijuana-infused products, such plan shall also include all ventilation systems used to mitigate noxious gases or other fumes used or created as part of the production process.
 - (6) Fingerprints and personal background information for all owners, and financiers employed by or under contract to provide services to the medical marijuana establishment, directly or as a member, partner, or officer of a corporation, partnership, association, or company.
- (c) All applications must include all documents and information required by the Medical Marijuana Code, including its rules and any information that the city deems reasonably necessary for the investigation and review of the application.
 - (d) Upon receipt of an application, the city clerk shall notify all affected departments of the city to determine whether the application is in full compliance with all state and local laws, rules, and regulations. The city clerk, upon review of all applicable information, shall prepare a report including all applicable documents to be submitted to the local licensing authority.
 - (e) In the event the criminal history of an owner, member, manager, financier, or other person named on the application contains information regarding conviction of a crime or previous denial or revocation of any medical or retail marijuana or professional license, that person may include with the license application any information regarding such conviction, denial, or revocation. Such information may include, but is not limited to, evidence of rehabilitation, character references, and educational achievements, especially documentation pertaining to the period of time between the applicant's last criminal conviction and the date of the application.
 - (f) Any application or renewal for a medical marijuana establishment license shall include, as applicable, payment of a nonrefundable application or renewal fee and payment of an annual operating fee. If a license is not granted, the operating fee is refundable in full. All such fees shall be established by resolution of city council.
 - (g)

A license issued pursuant to this article does not eliminate the need for the licensee to obtain other required permits or licenses related to the operation of the medical marijuana establishment, including, without limitation, any State of Colorado license or any sales tax license, business registration, development approvals, or building permits required by the Code.

(Ord. No. 2014-05, § 2, 3-4-14; Ord. No. 2015-16, §§ 2—4, 4-21-15)

Editor's note— Sec. 2 or Ord. No. 2015-16, adopted April 21, 2015, repealed § 56-237, which pertained to screening and response to state licensing application and derived from Ord. No. 2014-05, adopted March 4, 2014. Said Ord. No. 2015-16 also directed the renumbering of the remaining sections of this article.

Sec. 56-238. - Local licensing authority.

- (a) The city administrator shall serve as the local licensing authority and have and exercise all powers expressly granted and necessarily implied by the Medical Marijuana Code, its rules, and as set forth in this article to regulate medical marijuana establishments within the city. The local licensing authority shall be responsible for all local duties and responsibilities regarding the issuance, renewal, suspension, revocation, transfer of ownership, and change of location of a medical marijuana establishment.
- (b) The local licensing authority shall have the power to promulgate rules and regulations as are reasonable and necessary to implement and administer the requirements of this article.
- (c) Upon receipt of a complete application from the city clerk, the local licensing authority shall review all applicable documentation, as well as any other facts pertinent to the license or qualifications of the licensee and issue a decision as to whether to grant, deny upon a finding of "good cause," or conditionally approve such application within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of same from the city clerk. The decision shall be in writing and state the reasons for the decision with a copy to be sent to the applicant at the establishment's address provided on the application.
 - (1) The local licensing authority shall have the authority to deny any application that does not meet the requirements of the Medical Marijuana Code, its rules, this article, and any other applicable state or local law, rule, or regulation. The local licensing authority shall also have the authority to deny any application that contains any false, misleading, or incomplete information. Denial of an application for a license shall not be subject to administrative review but only to review by a court of competent jurisdiction.
 - (2) A local license, which shall only be applicable to a specifically identified business at a fixed location within an enclosed and secure premises, and shall not be issued until a state license has been granted and the building in which the establishment's business is to be conducted has passed all applicable inspections and is ready for occupancy with such furniture, fixtures, and equipment in place as are necessary to comply with any applicable provisions of this Code or any state law, rule, or regulation.
- (d) The local licensing authority may, after notice and hearing, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a license for "good cause." The local licensing authority is authorized to adopt rules and procedures governing the conduct of such hearings. No portion of any application or operating fees previously paid shall be refunded in the event of any suspension or revocation of a license.
- (e) Good cause, for the purpose of denying, refusing to renew, suspending, or revoking a license or exercising other discretionary authority granted the local licensing authority shall mean:
 - (1)

The applicant or licensee has violated, does not meet, or has failed to comply with any of the terms, requirements, conditions, or provisions of this article, the Medical Marijuana Code, its rules, or any applicable state or local law, rule, or regulation;

- (2) The local licensing authority has determined that the applicant or licensee's character, record, or reputation is not satisfactory after consideration of factors which include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (i) The applicant or licensee has knowingly submitted a false application(s), made willful misrepresentations, or knowingly committed fraudulent acts;
 - (ii) The applicant or licensee has a criminal history of crimes of moral turpitude, which may include, for example, but not be limited to, murder, burglary, robbery, arson, kidnapping, sexual assault, and illegal drugs or narcotics convictions;
 - (iii) The applicant or licensee has had any previous retail or medical marijuana license denied or revoked as a result of violations of law, rule, or regulation or a finding of bad moral character by any licensing authority;
 - (iv) The applicant or licensee has been found to be currently delinquent in the payment of any state or local taxes;
 - (v) The applicant or licensee has an established pattern of multiple statutory violations which resulted in the revocation or denial of any other professional license, leading to the finding of bad moral character by any licensing authority;
 - (vi) The licensed premises have been operated in a manner that adversely affects the public health, safety, or welfare. Evidence to support such a finding, may include but not be limited to, a continuing pattern of disorderly conduct or drug related criminal conduct upon or in the immediate vicinity of the premises, continuing pattern of criminal conduct directly related to or arising from the operation of the medical marijuana establishment, or an ongoing nuisance condition emanating from or caused by the medical marijuana establishment.
 - (vii) When making a determination as to character, record, and reputation, the licensing authority shall also consider evidence of rehabilitation. Such evidence may include, but not be limited to, evidence of no criminal record information, educational achievements, financial solvency, community standing, lack of additional arrests or convictions, or the lack of parole or probation violations since the date of last conviction.
- (3) The applicant or licensee has failed to comply with any special terms or conditions of a license, including those terms and conditions that were established at the time of issuance of the license and those imposed as a result of any renewal or suspension proceedings held subsequent to the date of issuance of the license; or
- (4) The licensed premises has been operated in a manner that adversely affects the public health, welfare, or safety of the immediate neighborhood in which the licensed establishment is located. Evidence to support such a finding can include, without limitation, a continuing pattern of disorderly conduct, or a continuing pattern of drug-related criminal conduct within the establishment.

(Ord. No. 2014-05, § 2, 3-4-14; Ord. No. 2015-16, § 2, 4-21-15)

Editor's note— See editor's note following [section 56-237](#).

Sec. 56-239. - Issuance of license; duration, renewal.

- (a) Each license shall show the name of the licensee, the physical address for which the license is issued, and the type of medical marijuana establishment for which it is issued. The license, along with the city sales tax license and the current contact information for the owner(s), shall be displayed continuously in a conspicuous location at the physical address indicated on the license.
- (b) Each license issued pursuant to this article shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance and may be renewed only as provided in this article. All renewals of a license shall be for no more than one (1) year. The local licensing authority shall act on renewal applications in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Colorado Medical Marijuana Code and its rules. The timely filing of a renewal application shall extend the current license until a decision is made on the renewal.
- (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a licensee whose license has been expired for not more than ninety (90) days may file a late renewal application upon the payment of a non-refundable late application fee to the local licensing authority in the amount established by resolution of city council. A licensee who files a late renewal application and pays the requisite fee may be subject to compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, rules and regulations continue to operate until a decision is made on the renewal.

(Ord. No. 2014-05, § 2, 3-4-14; Ord. No. 2015-16, §§ 2, 5, 4-21-15)

Sec. 56-240. - Annual operating and administrative fees.

In addition to the application, renewal, late renewal and annual operating fee, the city shall impose administrative fees for services, which include the transfer of ownership, background investigations, change of business manager, employee application, modification of premises, change of location, application modification, license modification, change of corporate structure, change of financier, zoning verification, duplicate license, temporary permit, change of trade name, change of class of license and lottery application, with all such fees to be established by resolution of city council.

(Ord. No. 2014-05, § 2, 3-4-14; Ord. No. 2015-16, §§ 2, 5, 4-21-15)

Sec. 56-241. - Location, co-location, operational restrictions and requirements, medical marijuana establishments.

- (a) *Commercial zoning districts restrictions.* Medical marijuana centers are allowed only in commercial zoning districts and only upon obtaining the land use approvals as are otherwise necessary for such use; and further provided that no medical marijuana center may be located within:
 - (1) Five hundred (500) feet of the right-of-way of Public Road north of South Boulder Road; or
 - (2) Five hundred (500) feet of the right-of-way of East Simpson Street, east of Public Road to 500-501 East Simpson Street; or
 - (3) Five hundred (500) feet of the right-of-way of 120th Street and 119th Street, north of Emma Street to Highway 7; or
 - (4) Eight hundred (800) feet of the right-of-way of Highway 287 and Highway 7; or
 - (5) Five hundred (500) feet of the property line of any city residential subdivision, residentially zoned property, or property with residential as a principal use; or
 - (6) Five hundred (500) feet of the property line of any licensed commercial day care; or
 - (7) Five hundred (500) feet of the nearest portion of the footprint of any medical marijuana center or any retail marijuana store, except that any applicant seeking to co-locate a center and a store, shall be exempt from this requirement as to the center and store set forth in the application; or

- (8) One thousand (1,000) feet of the property line of any school or hospital.
 - (9) The maximum aggregate number of retail marijuana stores and medical marijuana centers within the city shall not exceed three (3). For the purposes of this section a retail marijuana store and a retail marijuana center co-located in accordance with subsection 56-241(g) shall be counted as one (1) store/center.
- (b) *Industrial zoning district restrictions.* Medical marijuana-infused product manufacturers and optional premises cultivation facilities are allowed only in the industrial zoning district, and only upon obtaining the land use approvals as are otherwise necessary for such use; and further provided that no such uses may be located within:
- (1) Five hundred (500) feet of the property line of a licensed commercial day care; or
 - (2) Eight hundred (800) feet of the right-of-way of Highway 287; or
 - (3) One thousand (1,000) feet of the property line of any school or hospital; or
 - (4) Five hundred (500) feet of the property line of any city residential subdivision, residentially zoned property, or property with residential as a principal use; and
 - (5) There may be no more than eight (8) total physical (independent) locations containing any mix of licensed retail marijuana product manufacturers, licensed medical marijuana-infused product manufacturers, licensed retail marijuana cultivation facilities, or licensed medical marijuana optional premises cultivation operations within the industrial zoning district category. The term "total physical (independent) locations" as used in this subsection includes not only separate buildings, but also separate individual tenant spaces located within the same building and under the same roof, except that medical and retail cultivation and product manufacturers under common ownership, which share the same tenant space ("premises"), shall be deemed one (1) physical (independent) location.
 - (6) The licensed premises of a medical marijuana-infused product manufacturer, including any such establishment, which is co-located with a retail marijuana product manufacturer and the licensed premises of a medical marijuana optional premises cultivation facility, including any such establishment which is co-located with a retail marijuana cultivation facility shall not exceed ten thousand (10,000) square feet.
- (c) *Computing of distances.* The distances set forth in this section are to be computed by direct measurement from the nearest property line, right-of-way boundary, or portion of the footprint of the land uses as described herein to the nearest portion of the footprint of the medical marijuana establishment.
- (d) *Grandfathering provisions pertaining to location.* The distance restrictions set forth in this section shall not affect the renewal of a license once granted or apply to a license in effect and actively doing business before the construction of, or the opening of, a residential subdivision, residentially zoned property, property with residential as a principal use, licensed commercial day care, school, or hospital.
- (e) *Size limitations.* The licensed premises of a medical marijuana center including any center co-located with a retail marijuana store shall not exceed three thousand (3,000) square feet.
- (f) *Residential location prohibited.* No medical marijuana establishment shall be located within any building which contains a residence or within any dwelling or residential zoning district.
- (g)

Co-location restrictions. Retail marijuana stores and medical marijuana centers may be under common ownership in the same location and share the same licensed premises subject to the following:

- (1) A licensed medical marijuana center that permits admittance of patients under twenty-one (21) years of age may also hold a retail marijuana store license and operate a dual marijuana business operation on the same licensed premises. In such case, the retail marijuana store licensee must post signage that clearly conveys that persons under twenty-one (21) years of age may not enter the area which contains the retail marijuana store. Under these circumstances, and upon approval of the local and state licensing authorities, the medical marijuana center and the retail marijuana store may share a common foyer but must have separate entrances and exits, and medical marijuana and retail marijuana goods and products must be separately displayed and sold. Record keeping for the business operations of both must enable the local and state licensing authorities to clearly distinguish the inventories and business transactions of medical marijuana and medical marijuana-infused products from retail marijuana and retail marijuana products.
 - (2) A licensed medical marijuana center that prohibits admission of patients under the age of twenty-one (21) years of age may also hold a retail marijuana store license and operate a dual marijuana business operation on the licensed premises. In such cases, the medical marijuana center must post signage that clearly conveys that persons under twenty-one (21) years of age may not enter the establishment. Under these circumstances and upon approval of the local and state licensing authorities the medical marijuana center and retail marijuana store may share the same entrances and exits. Medical marijuana and retail marijuana and medical marijuana-infused products and retail marijuana products must be displayed separately on the same sale floor. Record keeping for the business operations of both must enable the state and local licensing authority to clearly distinguish the inventories and business transactions of medical marijuana and medical marijuana-infused products from retail marijuana and retail marijuana product.
 - (3) Co-located licensed operations must be operated in accordance with both the Medical and Retail Marijuana Code and their rules.
- (h) *Business conducted within building.* Any and all cultivation, production, distribution, possession, storage, display, sales, or other distribution of medical marijuana shall occur only within the restricted area of a medical marijuana establishment and shall not be visible from the exterior of the establishment.
- (i) *Manager registration requirements.* Each medical marijuana establishment licensee shall manage or have a manager and shall register the manager with the state and the local licensing authority. Whenever a person ceases to be a registered manager of a medical marijuana establishment, the medical marijuana establishment licensee shall notify the licensing authorities within five (5) days and shall designate a new registered manager within thirty (30) days. Either the state or the local licensing authority may refuse to accept any person as a registered manager unless the person is satisfactory to the respective licensing authorities as to character, record, and reputation. In determining a registered manager's character, record, and reputation, the state or local licensing authority may have access to criminal history record information furnished by a criminal justice agency subject to any restrictions imposed by such agency.

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Hours of operation. A medical marijuana center shall be closed to the public, and no sale, or other distribution of marijuana shall occur upon the premises between the hours of 7:00 p.m., thru and including 8:00 a.m.

- (k) *Use of pesticides.* No pesticides or insecticides that are prohibited by applicable law for fertilization or production of edible produce shall be used on any marijuana cultivated, produced, or distributed by a medical marijuana establishment. A medical marijuana establishment shall comply with all applicable laws regarding use of pesticides.
- (l) *Ventilation required.* A medical marijuana establishment shall be ventilated to ensure the odor of marijuana cannot be detected by a person with a normal sense of smell at the exterior of the medical marijuana establishment or at any adjoining property.
- (m) *Wastewater requirements.* All medical marijuana establishments shall be operated in such a manner as to not permit, allow, or cause to be discharged any substance or material prohibited by the city into or upon any watercourse or city reclamation conduit, facility, or plant.
- (n) *Off-premises storage of medical marijuana and medical marijuana-infused products prohibited.* No medical marijuana establishment may store medical marijuana or medical marijuana-infused products in any off-premises storage facility located within the city.
- (o) *Reporting requirements.* A medical marijuana establishment shall report to the local licensing authority each of the following events within the time specified. If no time is specified, the report shall be provided within seventy-two (72) hours of the event.
 - (1) Transfer or change of financial interest, business manager, or financier in the license to the city at least thirty (30) days before the transfer or change.
 - (2) Taxable transactions and sales and use tax reports to the city monthly.
 - (3) A violation of any law by any licensee or applicant of a medical marijuana business.
 - (4) Each licensee shall post and keep at all times visible to the public, in a conspicuous place on the premises, a sign to be furnished by the city clerk's office, which sign shall be in the following form: "WARNING: THE LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT MUST BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY OF ALL UNLAWFUL ACTS AND DISTURBANCES IN THIS ESTABLISHMENT." Licensees shall immediately report to the police department any unlawful act, conduct, or disturbance committed upon the premises.
- (p) *Respond to inquiry.* The owner or manager of a medical marijuana establishment is required to respond by phone or email within twenty-four (24) hours of contact by a city official concerning its medical marijuana establishment at the phone number or email address provided to the city as the contact for the business. Each twenty-four-hour period during which an owner or manager does not respond to the city official shall be considered a separate violation.
- (q) *Signs and advertising.*
 - (1) Medical marijuana centers are prohibited from using the terms "pharmacy," "pharmacist," "pharmaceutical," "RX," or any other similar variation of such terms as their corporate, business, or "doing business as" name, so as to prevent a reasonable person from concluding such business is involved in the practice of pharmacy, as regulated by Pharmaceuticals and Pharmacists, C.R.S. Article 22 of Chapter 12. Additionally no medical marijuana center may use any of the above terms or any similar variation thereof in any of its signs, placards, promotional or advertising materials.
 - (2)

Any person or premises licensed as a medical marijuana establishment shall comply with all city ordinances regulating signs and advertising. In addition, no licensed medical marijuana establishment shall use any advertising material that is misleading, deceptive, false, or that, as evidenced either by the content of the advertising material or the medium or the manner in which the advertising is disseminated, is designed to appeal to persons under eighteen (18) years of age.

- (3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (3), it shall be unlawful for any person licensed under this article or any other person to advertise any medical marijuana or medical marijuana-infused product anywhere in the city where the advertisement is visible to members of the public from any street, sidewalk, park, or other public place, including advertising utilizing any of the following media: any billboard or other outdoor general advertising device as defined by the zoning code; any sign mounted on a vehicle, any hand-held or other portable sign; or any handbill, leaflet, or flier directly handed to any person in a public place, left upon a motor vehicle, or posted upon any public or private property without the consent of the property owner. The prohibition set forth in this section shall not apply to:
 - (i) Any sign located on the same zone lot as a medical marijuana center which exists solely for the purpose of identifying the location of the medical marijuana center and which otherwise complies with the city's zoning requirements and any other applicable city laws and regulations; or
 - (ii) Any advertisement contained within a newspaper, magazine, or other periodical of general circulation within the city; or
 - (iii) Advertising which is purely incidental to sponsorship of a charitable event by a medical marijuana establishment.
- (4) For purposes of this subsection (q), the terms "advertise," "advertising," or "advertisement," mean the act of drawing the public's attention to a medical marijuana establishment in order to promote the sale of medical marijuana goods or infused products by the establishment.

(Ord. No. 2014-05, § 2, 3-4-14; Ord. No. 2015-16, §§ 2, 7, 4-21-15)

Editor's note— See editor's note following [56-237](#).

Sec. 56-242. - Limitations on medical marijuana-infused products manufacturer and medical marijuana optional premises cultivation facility.

No medical marijuana-infused product manufacturer shall be permitted to operate within the city unless the same licensee has a licensed medical marijuana optional premises cultivation facility located within the city.

(Ord. No. 2014-05, § 2, 3-4-14; Ord. No. 2015-16, § 2, 4-21-15)

Editor's note— See editor's note following [56-237](#).

Sec. 56-243. - Inspection of books, records, and licensed premises.

- (a) Each licensee shall keep a complete set of all records necessary to show fully the business transactions of the licensee, all of which shall be open at all times during business hours for the inspection and examination by the local licensing authority, its duly authorized representatives, and the city police department for the purposes of investigating and determining compliance with the provisions of this article and any other applicable state and local laws or regulations. The local

licensing authority may require any licensee to furnish such information as it considers necessary for the proper administration of this article. It may also require an audit to be made of the books of accounts and records on such occasions as it may consider necessary by an auditor to be selected by the local licensing authority, who shall likewise have access to all books and records of the licensee.

- (b) The licensed premises, including any places of storage where medical marijuana or medical marijuana-infused products are stored, manufactured, packaged, cultivated, processed, displayed, sold, or dispensed, shall be subject to inspection by the local licensing authority, its duly authorized representatives, and the city police department during all business hours and other times of apparent activity, for the purpose of inspection or investigation. For examination of any inventory or books and records required to be kept by the licensees, access shall be required during business hours. Where any part of the licensed premises consists of a locked area, upon demand to the licensee, by the local licensing authority or any other authorized city personnel, such area shall be made available for inspection without delay.
- (c) Each licensee shall retain all books and records necessary to show fully the business transactions of the licensee for a period of the current tax year and the three (3) immediately prior tax years.

(Ord. No. 2014-05, § 2, 3-4-14; Ord. No. 2015-16, § 2, 4-21-15)

Editor's note— See editor's note following 56-237.

Sec. 56-244. - Unlawful acts of licensees and persons.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any licensee to:
 - (1) Violate or fail to comply with any provision, term, condition, or requirement of the Medical Marijuana Code, including its rules.
 - (2) Allow marijuana or marijuana-infused products to be consumed upon its licensed premises.
 - (3) Use advertising material that is misleading, deceptive, false, or that is designed to appeal to persons under eighteen (18) years of age.
 - (4) Sell medical marijuana or marijuana-infused products to a person under eighteen (18) years of age or to any person who does not present a valid state medical marijuana registry card at the time of purchase.
 - (5) Refuse to allow inspection of a medical marijuana establishment upon request of an authorized city employee. Any licensee, owner, business manager, operator of a medical marijuana establishment, or owner of the property where a medical marijuana establishment is located may be charged with this violation.
 - (6) Advertise or publish materials or display signs that are in violation of this article.
 - (7) Violate any provision of this article or any condition of an approval granted pursuant to this article, or any law, rule, or regulation applicable to the use of medical marijuana or the operation of a medical marijuana establishment.
 - (8) Distribute medical marijuana or any medical marijuana-infused product within a medical marijuana center to any person who shows visible signs of intoxication from alcohol, marijuana, or other drugs.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any form of business or commerce involving the cultivation, processing, manufacturing, storage, sale, distribution, or consumption of marijuana other than those forms of business and commerce that are expressly permitted by Section 14 of

Article XVIII of the Colorado Constitution, the Medical Marijuana Code, Retail Marijuana Code, Medical Marijuana Program (C.R.S. § 25-1.5-106), this article, and residential cultivation, section 76-31 of the Code, which permit only medical marijuana optional premises cultivation facilities, medical marijuana-infused products manufacturers, medical marijuana centers, co-located marijuana establishments, and primary care-giver home occupations.

(Ord. No. 2014-05, § 2, 3-4-14; Ord. No. 2015-16, § 2, 4-21-15)

Editor's note— See editor's note following 56-237.

Sec. 56-245. - No city liability; indemnification.

- (a) By accepting a license issued pursuant to this article, the licensee waives and releases the city, its officers, elected and appointed officials, employees, attorneys, agents, and authorized volunteers from any liability for injuries, damages, or liabilities of any kind that result from any arrest or prosecution of the owners, operators, employees, clients, or customers of the medical marijuana establishment for a violation of state or federal laws, rules, and regulations.
- (b) By accepting a license issued pursuant to this article, all licensees, jointly and severally, if more than one (1), agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the city, its officers, elected and appointed officials, employees, attorneys, agents, authorized volunteers, insurers, and self-insurance pool against all liability, claims, and demands on account of any injury, loss, or damage, including, without limitation, claims arising from bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease, death, property loss or damage, or any other loss of any kind whatsoever arising out of or are in any manner connected with the operation of the medical marijuana establishment that is the subject of the license.

(Ord. No. 2014-05, § 2, 3-4-14; Ord. No. 2015-16, § 2, 4-21-15)

Editor's note— See editor's note following 56-237.

Sec. 56-246. - Other laws remain applicable.

- (a) Except as specifically provided herein, to the extent the state adopts any additional or stricter law, rule, or regulation, governing the sale, transportation, manufacture, cultivation, processing, packaging, displaying, or distribution of medical marijuana or medical marijuana-infused products, the additional or stricter regulation shall control the operation of any medical marijuana establishment in the city. Compliance with any applicable state law or regulation shall be deemed an additional requirement for issuance or denial of any license or operation of any establishment under this article, and noncompliance with any applicable state law or regulation shall be grounds for non-renewal, revocation, or suspension of any license issued hereunder.
- (b) Any licensee may be required to demonstrate, upon demand by the local licensing authority, its authorized representative, or law enforcement officers, that the source and quantity of any marijuana grown upon the licensed premises are in full compliance with any applicable state law or regulation.
- (c) If the state or federal government prohibits the sale, transportation, manufacture, cultivation, processing, packaging, testing, or distribution of marijuana through medical marijuana establishments, any license issued hereunder shall be deemed immediately revoked by operation of law, with no ground for appeal or other redress available, on behalf of the licensee.
- (d)

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The issuance of any license pursuant to this article shall not be deemed to create an exception, defense, or immunity to any person in regard to any potential criminal liability the person may have for the transportation, packaging, manufacturing, cultivation, possession, sale, distribution, testing, or use of marijuana.

(Ord. No. 2014-05, § 2, 3-4-14; Ord. No. 2015-16, § 2, 4-21-15)

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