UDO Amendments for Medical Marijuana Facilities

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Constitutional Amendment

Medical Marijuana Facilities:

- 1. Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facility
- 2. Medical Marijuana Dispensary Facility
- Medical Marijuana-Infused Products Manufacturing Facility
- 4. Medical Marijuana Testing Facility
- 5. Medical Marijuana Transportation Facility
- All five uses together defined as "Medical Marijuana Facility" ("MM Facility" in slides)
- Federally, still controlled substance and federal crime



Constitutional Amendment

- Buffer Zones: "Unless allowed by the local government, no [MM Facility] shall be initially sited within one thousand feet of any then-existing elementary or secondary school, child day-care center or church."
- Local Regulatory Limit: "No local government shall prohibit [MM Facilities] either expressly or through the enactment or ordinances or regulations that make their operation unduly burdensome in the jurisdiction."



Constitutional Amendment

- <u>Time, Place & Manner Regulations allowed</u>:

 "[L]ocal governments may enact ordinances or regulations not in conflict with this section, or with regulations enacted pursuant to this section, governing the time, place and manner of operation of such facilities in the locality."
- <u>Penalties allowed</u>: "A local government may establish civil penalties for violation of an ordinance or regulations governing the time, place and manner of operation of a [MM Facility]."



Legal Framework

- Legal Doctrine of Pre-emption
 - State law "occupies the field"
- Cannot be "unduly burdensome"
 - Can be burdensome; no legal guidance yet
- Conflict Analysis
 - Cannot prohibit what the State allows
 - Cannot allow what the State prohibits
- Presumption: City Council wants maximum restrictions
- Fill in the gaps: City regulations can supplement items not covered in State regulations



Buffer Zones in State Regulations

Medical Marijuana "Points of Demarcation" Under State Regulations

| | MM Freestanding | MM Multi-Tenant |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Day Care | MM – External Wall | MM – Door |
| Freestanding | Day Care – Property Line | Day Care – Property Line |
| Day Care | MM – External Wall | MM – Door |
| Multi-Tenant | Day Care – Door | Day Care – Door |



Buffer Zones in State Regulations

Always use the "Walking Path" method

"Measurements shall be made along the shortest path between the demarcation points that can lawfully be traveled by foot."

Does not use "Straight Line" method

