

City Attorney's Impartial Analysis of Measure K

The City of Perris currently bans medical marijuana dispensaries. Measure K was placed on the ballot by the City Council. If passed by the voters, Measure K will allow medical marijuana dispensaries in the City subject to comprehensive regulations and a valid permit issued by the City. However, Measure K will not become effective unless Measure J is also passed by the voters to tax medical marijuana.

Under Measure K, operation of a medical marijuana dispensary will be allowed in industrial and commercial zones with a valid City permit. Dispensaries will not be allowed in residential zones. Dispensaries will not be allowed within 600 feet of residential zones, churches, parks, schools, youth-oriented facilities or community centers.

Permit applications will be reviewed by the Development Services Department under a screening process that includes: criminal background checks on all employees; agreeing to reasonable unannounced inspections to ensure compliance with the law; a security plan for video cameras with 30 days of continuous digital recording accessible to law enforcement; a centrally-monitored fire and burglar alarm system; exterior security lighting; air treatment system; insurance; and indemnification of the City for liability that may arise from dispensary operations. Permits must be renewed annually or they automatically expire. Permits may be suspended or revoked for violation of any regulation or permit condition.

Dispensaries will be required to keep detailed records open to inspection by the City. Only medical marijuana and medical marijuana products will be allowed for sale. No cultivation will be allowed at dispensaries. No use of marijuana will be allowed at dispensaries. No minors will be allowed at dispensaries.

Further regulations for the administration and implementation of Measure K may be adopted by the City, such as regulations governing employee training, hours of operation, or security guards. All of the regulations established by Measure K may be amended or repealed by future City Council action, including whether or not to continue permitting medical marijuana dispensaries in the City of Perris.

If state or federal law decriminalizes, authorizes or legalizes nonmedical marijuana, and the City of Perris permits nonmedical marijuana dispensaries, then the regulations established by Measure K will govern nonmedical marijuana dispensaries to the fullest extent possible.

A “**Yes**” vote means you support comprehensive regulations and permits for medical marijuana dispensaries in the City of Perris. A “**No**” vote means you oppose comprehensive regulations and permits for medical marijuana dispensaries in the City of Perris. This measure will take effect only if a majority of those voting on this ballot measure cast a “**Yes**” vote at the November 8, 2016 general municipal election, and Measure J also passes.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure K. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the Perris City Clerk's Office at (951) 943-6100 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost.