

CITY OF POULSBO PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2014 Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Marijuana Related Uses

Hearing Date: May 13, 2014

Time: The hearing is scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm.

Place: Poulsbo City Hall, Council Chambers, 200 NE Moe Street, Poulsbo, WA.

To: Citizens of Poulsbo and other interested persons, agencies, and parties of record.

Subject: 2014 Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Marijuana Related Uses.

Summary of the Proposed Applications:

The proposed amendment is a text amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance (Title 18) to amend Chapter 18.90 Business and Employment Districts, adding a new Section 18.90.075 entitled "Marijuana Related Uses." This new section is being established to address the passage of I-502 and the licensing of recreational marijuana through the provisions of WAC 314-55, and the allowance of medical marijuana collective gardens as set forth by RCW 69.51A.085. Specifically, the proposed amendments set forth: 1) that the zoning district for recreational marijuana related uses and collective gardens is the Light Industrial zoning district; 2) identifies the buffer requirements of WAC 314-55 and applies them to collective gardens as well; 3) establishes development standards for marijuana related uses; 4) requires compliance with state licensing; and 5) establishes penalties.

Public Comment Methods:

Comments may be provided to the City at any time during the zoning ordinance amendment process. Written comments received by the City will be forwarded to the recommendation and decision making bodies for consideration and made part of the record. Send written comments to City of Poulsbo Planning Department, 200 NE Moe Street, Poulsbo, Washington 98370, or fax them to (360) 697-8269. In addition to receiving comments through regular postal mailing and fax, comments may be sent to planninginfo@cityofpoulsbo.com. To ensure consideration, all written comments must be received by the City prior to close of the zoning ordinance amendment public hearings. Verbal comments will be taken at the Planning Commission and City Council public hearings.

Public Participation Plan: The Public and Agency Participation Plan for the 2014 Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Marijuana Related Uses is available on the City's website http://www.cityofpoulsbo.com/planning/planning_marijuana.htm and at the Planning Department.

Hearing Information: The Planning Commission public hearing on the applications is scheduled for May 13, 2014. The City Council public hearing on the applications is tentatively

scheduled for June 11, 2014. The Planning Commission will make recommendations to the City Council. City Council is the review and decision making authority for these amendments. Hearing procedures are available from the Planning Department and City Clerk's office and are conducted based on Roberts Rules of Order.

Additional Information: The staff report will be available 15 calendar days before the scheduled hearing. Information on the zoning ordinance amendment, including the staff report, is on the City's website at http://www.cityofpoulsbo.com/planning/planning_marijuana.htm and at the Planning Department. The files are available for review at the Planning Department between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Hard copies can be provided at a reasonable cost.

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All interested people are invited to attend the hearing. If you are unable to attend, your written comments, received no later than the date and time scheduled for the hearing, will be given careful consideration by the Planning Commission and made a part of the record. Testimony will be allowed on the proposal and related environmental issues and SEPA documents.

The following procedural rules have been established for public hearings to allow a fair and orderly hearing:

1. The length of time given to individuals speaking for or against a proposal may be determined by the Planning Commission prior to the application being considered;
2. A speaker representing each side of the issue is encouraged.

THE CITY OF POULSBO STRIVES TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE MEETINGS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. PLEASE CONTACT THE POULSBO PLANNING DEPARTMENT AT 360-394-9882 AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS MEETING.