




Notice of City Council Public Hearing

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The public has the right to review contents of the official file for the proposal, provide written comments, participate in any public hearings, and request a copy of the final decision.

Application:	Retail Cannabis Zoning Code Amendments Type IV Planning File P-11-16-23-01
Hearing Date:	February 14, 2024 Hearing Time: 5:00 pm, or soon thereafter as the agenda determines
Requested Action:	All interested citizens and agencies are invited to provide written and verbal testimony to the City Council regarding the proposed code amendments.
Summary of Proposal:	<p>Initiative-502 passed in 2012 with 52% of Poulsbo residents approving the legalization of recreational marijuana. Cities in Washington State can choose to prohibit or to designate appropriate zones for state-licensed cannabis businesses because Washington local governments have authority to enact legislation regulating land uses within their jurisdictions. In 2014, the Poulsbo City Council prohibited production, processing and retailing of marijuana.</p> <p>On April 5, 2023, as part of the city budget discussion and following an initial discussion in March, the City Council requested staff bring forward amendments to the zoning ordinance to allow cannabis retail in city limits. On December 12, 2023, after a duly noticed public hearing, the Planning Commission voted to recommend that City Council allow retail cannabis in the C-2 and C-3 commercial zoning districts, with limitations.</p> <p>The primary statutes for recreational cannabis are codified in chapter 69.50 RCW, beginning with RCW 69.50.325; the medical cannabis statutes are located in chapter 69.51A RCW. The Liquor and Cannabis Board regulations for cannabis are found in chapter 314-55 WAC.</p>
Public Comment Methods:	Written comments may be mailed, e-mailed, or delivered to the City of Poulsbo. To ensure consideration, all written comments must be received prior to the closing of the public hearing. At the hearing, the public will have an opportunity to provide written and verbal testimony regarding the proposed code amendments.
Draft Document:	The proposed amendments are represented as <u>underline</u> for proposed additions and strikeouts for deletions. The proposed amendments can be found online: https://cityofpoulsbo.com/development-regulation-amendments-2/
Public Participation Plan:	A public and agency participation plan has been developed for this review process and can be viewed at https://cityofpoulsbo.com/development-regulation-amendments-2/
Hearing Information:	The City Council Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2024 , at 5:00 pm, or soon thereafter. Public hearings are being held as a hybrid virtual/in-person meeting at the web address and call-in number noted below and at Poulsbo City Hall Council Chambers, 200 NE Moe Street, Poulsbo, Washington. This call-in number: 1-253-215-8782 and meeting id: 898 4841 6447 are provided for virtual attendance, in addition to this webinar link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89848416447 . Oral comments can be made in-person. Please state your name and limit your comments to 3 minutes unless additional time is granted by the Council. As a rule, the Council will not respond to citizen comments. Written comments can be emailed to cityclerks@cityofpoulsbo.com by 2:00 p.m. the day of the meeting, and they will be distributed to the Council before the meeting. Written comments will not be read into the record.
Further Information:	 https://cityofpoulsbo.com/development-regulation-amendments-2/