

**CITY OF YAKIMA PLANNING COMMISSION
FINDINGS OF FACT, AND RECOMMENDATION**

Marijuana Regulations

July 12, 2017

WHEREAS, at the June 20, 2017 Yakima City Council meeting, the Council requested that the Planning Commission consider the M-1 zoning district for Marijuana Retail facilities; and

WHEREAS, at its June 28, 2017 meeting, the Yakima Planning Commission considered the request to include the M-1 zoning district for Marijuana Retail and was provided a copy of a revised map that shows the parcels that would potentially allow such uses in the M-1 zone; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission discussed the process that was adhered to when the zoning districts were first recommended to council. The M-1 zone was not included for retail uses at that time to preserve the industrial intent of that district; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission moved and seconded to retain the allowed districts for Marijuana Retail as they currently exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Commission of the City of Yakima that, in making the herein above recommendation the Commission hereby enters the following Finding of Fact:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval to the City Council certain zoning amendments to allow marijuana uses in certain zoning districts, as noted in the Findings of Fact signed by the Chairman on June 22, 2016.
2. During the Planning Commission's initial review and recommendation, it evaluated each type of marijuana use – production, processing, researching, and retail – in relation to the purposes of each zoning district, including an evaluation of allowing retail within the M-1 zoning district.
3. The Planning Commission did not agree that Marijuana retail is consistent with the purpose of the M-1 zoning district as part of its original review and recommendation.
4. Upon remand to further evaluate retail uses in the M-1 zoning district, the Planning Commission finds that its original review of the matter was appropriate. Marijuana retail activities are not consistent with the purposes of the M-1 zoning district.

RECOMMENDATION

It is for the above reasons that the Commission recommends that Council retain the current zoning districts for Marijuana Retail and not allow such use in the Light Industrial (M-1) zoning district.

MOTION

Based upon the findings outlined above, it was moved and seconded that the City of Yakima Planning Commission recommend that Council retain the current zoning districts for Marijuana Retail and not allow such use in the Light Industrial (M-1) zoning district. The motion was carried unanimously.

Patricia Byers, Chair
Yakima Planning Commission

Date

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