

City of Mt. Angel Town Hall Meeting

Calendar Date:

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 – 6:30 pm

Location:

Mt. Angel Fire District Building, 300 Monroe St., 97362 Mt Angel, OR

Meeting Agenda:

The purpose of the town hall meeting is to discuss regulatory measures related to medical marijuana dispensaries. Specifically the City Council will review time, place, and manner regulations for medical marijuana facilities as authorized under Senate Bill 1531.

Background:

During the 2013 special legislative session, the Oregon Legislature passed HB 3460 which allowed for the establishment and registration of medical marijuana dispensaries in Oregon. Because the use, possession, and sale of marijuana is currently illegal under federal law, this conflict between state and federal law creates uncertainty about cities' ability to regulate medical marijuana facilities within their boundaries.

In response to the uncertainty about the legal authority of cities, the Oregon Legislature adopted Senate Bill 1531. In 2013, SB 1531 allows local governments to adopt time, place, and manner regulations for medical marijuana facilities. SB 1531 also allowed cities to adopt a one-year moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries within the city.

City Council Actions in 2014:

The City Council adopted a moratorium ordinance in April 2014. The moratorium is for one year only and will expire on April 30, 2015. Without further action by Council, when the moratorium expires, medical marijuana dispensaries will be permitted in the city. Likewise, in October and November of this year, the City Council considered an ordinance placing a local tax on recreational and medical marijuana facilities. That ordinance passed on a 5 to 1 vote and took effect the day before Measure 91 took effect. It places a local tax of 10% on both medical and recreational marijuana sales.