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### **RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA FACTSHEET**

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At their meeting on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Flint City Council passed the first reading of Flint City Code § 12-96, Prohibition of Recreational Marijuana Facilities, which specifically does three things:

- (1) **For a period of no longer than one year, it temporarily prohibits new recreational marijuana licenses**, giving the City of Flint – like many cities across the state – additional time to draft a comprehensive recreational marijuana ordinance.

This is necessary because the new recreational licenses are otherwise not subject to the comprehensive medical marijuana ordinance currently in place that allows for medical marijuana businesses, but separates them from residential neighborhoods, schools, parks and places of worship.

This is also necessary because the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act (“MRTMA”) mandates that such licenses be granted, *without any City approval or review* for locations, safety or compliance with zoning code, unless the City has its own ordinance already in effect on or before November 1, or the date of application.

- (2) **The ordinance DOES allow licensed medical marijuana facilities to get their equivalent recreational marijuana licenses immediately.**

While the City requires additional time to draft a comprehensive recreational marijuana ordinance, the City also understands that it already has a growing medical marijuana industry, through which individuals may purchase recreational marijuana from these licensed sites immediately while the City drafts its new recreational marijuana ordinance.

- (3) Moreover, as noted above, this **ordinance automatically repeals after a period of one year**, by which time the City will have the opportunity to hear from the desires of residents and stakeholders, draft and implement its comprehensive recreational marijuana ordinance.

**Contrary to some reports and information, the City of Flint is not prohibiting all recreational marijuana, nor does this ordinance prevent any City residents from purchasing, consuming, or growing their own recreational marijuana for personal use.** This ordinance is intended to simply give the City additional, necessary time to get a comprehensive recreational marijuana ordinance passed – like the City did with its medical marijuana opt-in ordinance – while still allowing for immediate access to recreational marijuana to Flint residents through its many local, licensed medical marijuana facilities in the meantime.