

\*\*\*\*\*

PUBLIC HEARING  
Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
December 12, 2022  
7:00 PM

\*\*\*\*\*

**Call to order:** President Farber called this Public Hearing to order at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall. Roll Call was taken.

**Roll Call:** Members Present: Don Bostrom, Stephanie Halverson, Dan Herin, Joyce McDonald, Jackie Slocum, Jim Smith, Mike Farber

Also present: Clerk Burrell, John Schrier, Hugh Conley, Nancy Conley, Anna Dukes, Jim Draper, Joed Bruce and others not listed

THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS TO DISCUSS THE ADULT USE MARIHUANA ZONING ORDINANCE AND ADULT USE MARIHUANA LICENSING ORDINANCE

President Farber thanked everyone for attending and stated that the Public Hearing was to introduce the two aforementioned ordinances for Adult Use Marihuana. He stated that the clerk had copies available for viewing and asked to have them returned prior to the end of the hearing.

He introduced John Schrier from Parmenter Law. He explained that Ordinance #22-01 Adult Use Marihuana Zoning Ordinance detailed land use and where a provisioning center could be located, etc. and Ordinance #22-02 Adult Use Marihuana Licensing Ordinance outlined licensing and selection process, etc.

McDonald had a question about Section 114:113, #3, there was no specific time frame listed. Schrier explained that the council would set that. The time frame of February 1, 2023 through April 1, 2023 was suggested. She asked when the renewal date for the permit would be. Schrier explained that the original permit would be good from the date of issue until September 30 of the following year.

Herin asked if we only get one application and the applicant does not reach the requirements, do we have give them the license. Schrier said no, licenses will only be issued to qualified applicants. If only one license is awarded, a second license with be vacant and remain available.

McDonald inquired why the chapter number was left blank on Ordinance #22-01. Schrier explained that it would be numbered appropriately by the company who prints the Code of Ordinance books. She also inquired about the number of days the clerk/committee has to respond once an application is received. No specific number of days was specified. Schrier responded that if one application is received, the clerk would process the application. If more than two applications were received, #5 Competitive Process would be used. If any supplement information is required, the applicant has 21 days to provide the information.

Jim Draper made a statement regarding that the marihuana growers in Newfield Township had stated that the marihuana grown there would not be sold in the area, and now there is a possibility of that happening here. Farber thanked him for his comments.

Schrier made a statement that all ordinances that have issues or problems, can be addressed and changes can be made by resolution by the council.

Slocum stated that she had spoken to officers from the Newaygo and Oceana County Sheriff's office and they stated that there have been no issues with the marihuana facilities.

Herin asked if anyone knew if there were any marihuana provisioning facilities in Oceana County. The response was no. Slocum said that there were facilities in Lake County, Mecosta County, Muskegon County and Kent County.

Schrier stated that his office was working on getting an Adult Use Marihuana Licensing Application ready for the village.

President Farber asked if anyone had any further questions. No one had any questions.

Motion by McDonald Seconded by Slocum

(motion CARRIED)

Motion to adjourn

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell  
Hesperia Village Clerk

**“Village of Hesperia is an equal opportunity provider and employer”**