



## **ITEMS TO CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING YOUR MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITY LOCATION**

- (1) Select a Design Professional (Architect) to work with, to complete the required sealed construction drawings, site plan and other required documents.**
- (2) Determine what use group your new business will fall under based on the following:**
  - 1- If you are a Grower, Class A, B or C, you will be classified as an F1 (Factory 1)**
  - 2- If the Grower also contains office areas, this would be classified as a B use, and the building could be looked at as a mixed use building.**
  - 3- If you are going to be a Processor, you will be classified as an F1, and depending on the amount of solvents used in the extraction process, you could also be classified as an H2 or H3 (Hazard) use group.**
  - 4- A Provisioning Center shall be classified as an M (Mercantile) use group.**
  - 5- A Safety Compliance Facility could be classified as a B (Business) or an H (Hazard) depending on the quantity of chemicals stored on site and used during the analysis process.**
- (3) Remember the Building Official is required to request that a report be provided, prepared by a qualified individual, identifying the quantities of hazardous materials, their classification, and the methods of protection for each, to determine if the H2 or H3 use group designation will be applied.**
- (4) Complete your property research, based partially on the above information, to determine the most compatible location for your new business, keeping in mind the separation requirements.**
- (5) Verify if the Use Group that your business falls under, differs from the previous use of the existing building. If so, this would be considered as a Change of Use.**
- (6) Next determine if your new facility is going through a Partial Change of Use or a Full Change of Use. This will make a difference in the MI Rehabilitation Code requirements.**
- (7) Are there going to be any Alterations to the existing building or space? If so, you need to determine what category you will fall under:**
  - 1- Repairs only.**
  - 2- Alteration Level 1**
  - 3- Alteration Level 2**
  - 4- Alteration Level 3**

This selection will make a difference in the specific requirements based on the requirements of the MI Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings, as defined in Chapter 5.

- (8) After determining your Use Group, if there is a change in use groups from the previous use, partial or entire building, is it classified as a repair and/or what Level of Alteration, 1, 2, or 3, next you will need to determine what code requirements will apply to your specific situation based on the Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings.
- (9) Remember that you are required by the City Ordinance to separate your business group from any other group and/or all other areas of the building, as needed. The separation assembly will need to be defined within the construction documents. It may require only a simple wall assembly, but also may require a floor/ceiling assembly. This will depend on the building selected, the location of your use group in the building and other use groups within the building.
- (10) Accessibility in an existing building may be one of your biggest challenges. This is based on Section 410 of the MI Rehabilitation Code. Buildings going through a change in use group or occupancy load or any alteration shall comply with the requirements of the utilization of public facilities by physically limited. A Change in Occupancy classification will have to comply with section 410.6, 410.7 and 410.8 Section 410.7 would require accessible route from the exterior to the area of primary function, and shall include accessible bathrooms and drinking fountains.

Remember, it is critical that all of the above items are taken into consideration when selecting the location for your new Medical Marijuana Facility.

(NOTE) This list pertains to the use of existing buildings only.

New construction and additions shall be looked at through the requirements of the MI Building Code 2015.

Thank You,

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