Marijuana, industry may grow side by side in Seaside

City Council crafts rules for grow sites

By KATHERINE **LACAZE** EO Media Group

SEASIDE — Marijuana farmers will have room to grow in Seaside's industrial areas, but will be prohibited from the city's commercial and residential zones.

Seaside City The Council on Monday moved forward in the process of establishing licensing requirements for local medical marijuana growers.

The proposed twopronged legislation was considered at a second public hearing on medical marijuana production and processing.

A new chapter in the city code would set restrictions on where and how those businesses could operate, limiting production to Seaside's three industrial zones. Growers, producers and processors would need to obtain or renew annual licenses from both Seaside and the Oregon Health Authority. The city would require criminal background checks on grow site owners, managers, operators, employees, agents and volunteers.

Grow sites would be subject to periodic inspections by the Seaside fire marshal to ensure they remain in compliance with applicable fire and life safety regulations established in the ordinance.

A third reading of the bill is scheduled for a future council meeting.

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tinguish themselves, and

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es, no matter what the law

states, Cole, who is a mem-

ber of the law firm Fletcher,

ness, and broadcasters depend

on attracting viewers," Cole

said. "Just because they can

broadcast something doesn't

mean they should, or want to."

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Heald & Hildreth, said.

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public," he said.

Broadcasters cautious about pot advertising

By ZANE SPARLING Capital Bureau

Oregonians shouldn't expect to catch even a whiff of recreational marijuana advertising on TV and radio, even after the official start of limited legal pot sales to the general public in October.

Federal law classifies marijuana as a Schedule 1 controlled substance. The Controlled Substances Act makes it unlawful for anyone to place an ad on TV, radio, on the Internet or in print that specifically offers such substances for sale. Under the act, facilitating such advertising is a felony that could lead to a prison sentence, fine or possible loss of a broadcast license.

While the Obama administration has said it will sus- Media Group and Pamplin pend enforcement of certain Media Group. drug laws in states that regu late recreational and medical marijuana sales, broadcasters are being advised to tread cautiously.

"I doubt there's any lawyer in town who would say, 'Absolutely, go nuts, take the ad, I guarantee that your license will be renewed,"" said Harry Cole, a Virginia attorney who specializes in broadcast law. "Any broad-caster in their right mind is going to see this as a big

Station-by-station basis

Bill Johnstone, president and CEO of the Oregon Association of Broadcasters, said the decision would have to be made on a station-by-station basis.

"If the question is, 'Do we want the advertising, then the answer is yes. If the question is, 'Is it worth the risk,' well then I'm not so sure," he said.

The Sinclair Broadcast Group, which operates television and radio stations in both Oregon and Washington, is similarly cautious.

"Right now we're not (accepting marijuana ads)," a regional advertising official with the company, who asked not to be named, said. "Because it's a federal offense, and our licensing is from the federal government. It would be up to corporate. It's not really our decision." The Federal Communications Commission declined to comment.

Back pages

Barred from TV and radio, medical marijuana dispensaries have long sought refuge in the back pages of alternative weeklies. A.P. Walther, publisher of the Salem Weekly, said the paper attracts "open minded" readers who aren't bothered by the ads.

Crafts fundraiser benefits hospitalized vets

Legion scores success at annual bazaar

> By DANI PALMER EO Media Group

CANNON BEACH — The Johnston family from Seattle comes back to Cannon Beach every summer, but this year was their first visit to the American Legion Auxiliary's annual Craft Bazaar.

"We're seeing some nice things," Bob said, his wife, Oddny, on his arm as they walked the row of vendors Saturday. "But at our age, it's hard to justify another wall hanging."

Still, there were a few objects that caught their eye, even for a couple who had been vacationing here for more than 50 years. The jewelry exhibits drew Oddny and the bonsai plantings fascinated Bob.

This year's bazaar featured 30 booths — 10 inside and 20 outside - selling items such as artwork, candles and hats at American Legion Post 168.

And it was all sold for a good cause. The event serves as a fundraiser for hospitalized veterans in Oregon's four Veterans Affairs hospitals.

Portland's Larry Shapiro grabbed the attention of visitors with his collection of bonsai plantings, a hobby he began after leaving the National Guard in the 1960s. While in the guard, he remembers saving a small tree from being run over by a tank. That incident spurred an interest that has continued for decades.

Shapiro uses the "root-overrock" style. Roots of the bonsai grip the rock for the stability of the tree and integrity of the

Shapiro said his plantings have a 98 percent survival rate. "I tell people bonsai are hard to kill," he added.

He has participated in the Legion bazaar for the past five

"This has been successful, right in the heart of town," he said, noting the location move



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Monica and Mahone, 7, take a closer look at pottery during the Craft Bazaar at American Legion Post 168 on Saturday.

from the Chamber of Commerce to Cannon Beach Elementary School before settling in at American Legion Post 168.

Auxiliary member Jean Furchner said the craft sale originally took place indoors in October. Legion member Nancy Teagle suggested doing it both inside and outdoors. So they moved the bazaar to the summer for nicer weather and more

The Legion hall is more centrally located and vendors, both local and from surrounding areas, keep coming back, Furch-

"It's a huge auxiliary effort," she added.

The event is really made up of three parts: the vendors, a quilt raffle and a bake sale.

The Johnstons hadn't gone inside to check out the baked goods yet, but that too was on their list.

The couple were among hundreds who attended this year's bazaar. Bob and Oddny's son



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Hannah Brien, 10, of Cannon Beach, checks out necklaces at one of the Craft Bazaar's vendor booths on Saturday.

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got married on the beach here, and Bob's sister and brotherin-law own a place in town. So each year, they come to enjoy what Cannon Beach has to offer.

It was a family member who recommended they visit the bazaar.

Bob noted it was a good

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