

Marijuana: Regulations differ for indoor, outdoor

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Tier II producers are approved from 5,001 to 10,000 square feet.

Outdoor production is also split into two tiers. Tier I is approved up to 20,000 square feet. Tier II is approved for 20,001 to 40,000 square feet. Square footage of canopy space is measured starting from the outermost point of the furthest mature flowering plant in a

designated growing space and continues around the outside of all mature flowering plants located within the designated growing space.

A producer may designate multiple grow canopy areas at a licensed premise, but those spaces must be separated by a physical boundary, such as an interior wall or by at least 10 feet of open space.

Written comments about the plans for Organic Investments may be submitted to the City of Independence, 555 S. Main St., PO Box 7, Independence, 97351.

A copy of the application documents and evidence submitted by or on behalf of the applicant and applicable standards are available for inspection at City Hall.



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Land at SolSisters, formerly Lavender Lakes, is readied to plant recreational marijuana plants. The location is on Highway 99W north of Monmouth.

What is legal in Oregon?

How are marijuana businesses regulated in Polk County?

COUNTY

In January 2016, the Polk County Board of Commissioners approved amendments to the county's zoning ordinance to allow production, processing and sales of recreational marijuana with designated zones.

The amendment allows marijuana production — growing and primary processing — in the exclusive farm use (EFU), farm/forestry (FF), farm/forestry overlay (FFO) and timber conservation (TC) zones.

Retail sales — dispensaries — are allowed in one area of the county, the Northwest Polk County Community Commercial zone near the unincorporated communities of Grand Ronde, Fort Hill and Valley Junction. The logic behind that designation was that it was the only area of the county where access to an urban area with a dispensary would be difficult.

Marijuana processing was restricted to light industrial zones and the Rickreall unincorporated community industrial zone.

Light industrial zones are located within urban growth boundaries where the county's planning commission believed the infrastructure (water, power, transportation routes) needed for processing would be available.

CITIES

Dallas: Leaning on the federal prohibition of the drug, the city of Dallas doesn't allow marijuana businesses. The city's code makes it a requirement that all businesses operating within its limits abide by federal law, which doesn't recognize marijuana as legal.

Falls City: The Falls City City Council mulled options for restricting locations dispensaries could operate to a very small portion of town, but on its attorney's advice, the council abandoned that strategy. Instead, the council did nothing to impede the law from taking effect, which means dispensaries are allowed. None are open in town, however.

Independence: Medical and recreational dispensaries are or will be allowed (recreational shops won't begin opening until later in the year), with two operating medical outlets, Blackbird Indica and Healing Green.

Monmouth: Medical and recreational dispensaries are or will be allowed, but none are operating.

Permitting: Permits for marijuana businesses of all types are issued by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

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The hygienist then sends the information to a dentist, who reviews the child's information and determines if care can be given there at the school or if the child needs to be seen in a dental office.

"And then, when that's finished, she does a cleaning and sealants and fluoride, all the preventative services," Mann said.

At the Central Health and

Wellness Center, a committee comprises youth from Central High School, who help change the culture at the school, and also have taken part in increasing health awareness.

The Power Peers class met with representatives from the center and talked about medial issues they worried about, including mental health, depression, bullying.

In response, Doug Gouge, from Polk County Health,

trained students in the Power Peers leadership class in suicide prevention.

Central High has been selected as one of three schools in Oregon to be part of a focus group, said Kim Prosser, youth outreach coordinator.

The center operates in cooperation with the Central School District. Its policies are passed by the Central School District board of directors.

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