



City Council OKs medical marijuana dispensaries

City to work on amendment to ban facilities from city's downtown core

By Katherine Lacaze
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Seaside City Council passed legislation allowing medical marijuana dispensaries to set up shop at certain locations within city

limits, but the counselors agreed their work is not finished, as they plan to tackle in the coming weeks a new amendment that would ban dispensaries from the downtown core.

At the meeting Monday, the council voted 5-2 to amend the business license ordinance, which prohibits unlawful, illegal or prohibited businesses, and create a new chapter to set restrictions for how, when and

where dispensaries can operate. Mayor Don Larson and City Councilor Dana Phillips cast the dissenting votes. The ordinance will go into effect 30 days from Monday.

The amendment affects Chapter 110 of the code, and adds the sentence: "Notwithstanding the aforementioned provisions, a license can be issued for medical marijuana dispensaries that comply with the additional licensing requirements in Chapter 118."

Chapter 118, the new section created, provides legal definitions for marijuana, dispensary, cardholders and license and requires all dispensaries to be registered in accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes and applicable Oregon Administrative Rule. Registration by the Oregon Health Authority, however, does not guarantee a dispensary is permitted to operate under applicable local municipal regulations.

The restrictions in the chapter are meant to supplement those outlined by the Oregon Health Authority's Medical Marijuana Program, which disallow dispensaries from being located less than 1,000 feet from a school or one another. Some of the operational requirements include: a new license must be obtained each year; no sale or other distribution of marijuana shall occur between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m.; and dispensaries

cannot distribute marijuana or marijuana-infused products free of charge, among others. Dispensaries only can locate in areas zoned commercial.

During the final public comment section before approval, Seaside resident Tim Tolan read into record a letter from Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis, which said he was not asked for input as the city crafted

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Code repeal leaves Gearhart with no de-'fence'

City to consider new ordinance next month

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After repealing its existing fence ordinance, the City of Gearhart declined to adopt a new ordinance at its Wednesday, May 6 City Council meeting. The repealed ordinance regulated fences, which were located within yards and not allowed to exceed 6 feet in height. The ordinance regulated the types of material used in the fence, prohibiting barbed wire or other sharp or otherwise dangerous construction material.

The issue initially came to the council's attention in 2014 after complaints about property owners who allegedly violated the fence standards. A review of the ordinance indicated that updated regulations were needed for better compliance.

On Wednesday, after a unanimous vote to repeal the old ordinance, the City Council then considered an ordinance which included elements of the previous code, as well as a second section that declared that all existing fences that do not comply with the fence provisions herein would be grandfathered. City Attorney Peter Watts warned, "If you don't pass the second fence ordinance, it's Wild West for fence builders."

"I disagree, we still have the international building code," said councilor John Duncan. "We would have something in place."

"Then we're going to be a couple of months without a fence ordinance," said Mayor Dianne Widdop.

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CAMP 18

Vince Bogard, the president of the Northwest Old Iron Club chapter from Tillamook, hammers away in a blacksmithing demonstration during the Camp 18 Logger's Memorial Dedication and Logging Exhibition on May 9. The blacksmith demonstration was a new addition this year to the annual event.

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Logging life on display at Camp 18 exhibition



The annual Camp 18 Logger's Memorial Dedication and Logging Exhibition features an array of competitive events for students, from spur climbing, to double bucking, sawing and axe-throwing. About 10 teams from regional high schools took part in the competition during the exhibition.

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33 new plaques dedicated to memorial at annual event

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The Camp 18 Logging Museum grounds were alive with sawing, cutting, climbing, ax-throwing and other glimpses into the logging industry and lifestyle during the annual Camp 18 Logger's Memorial Dedication and Logging Exhibition on May 9.

During this year's public event, 33 new plaques recognizing those who dedicated their lives to the logging industry were committed into the memorial, which sits on the museum property near milepost 18 on U.S. Highway 26. Since opening in 2009 as a part of the Camp 18 Museum, the memorial has amassed a total of 386 plaques.

The exhibition, a more lively event, was held after the dedication ceremony. Local high school forestry teams participated in competitive events such as spur climbing, choker setting, splicing, double bucking, hook-tender racing and other activities. Knappa, Vernonia and Sweet Home high schools, Sabin School and Clatskanie

Middle and High School participated. Each school brought about two teams, and an all-girls team combined students from Clatskanie and Sweet Home. Clatskanie High school won first place; the combined Sweet Home and Clatskanie team won second; and Sweet Home won third.

When the annual dedication started in 2009, museum president Mark Standley decided to incorporate the exhibition to round out the event and show the public "a little bit about the industry." Each year since its creation, the event has grown, and hundreds were in attendance May 9.

Food and beverages were served throughout the day, and the event also featured an auction – with items such as steering tires, a gun safe, a log truck loaded with firewood and a custom throwing ax – and a raffle drawing.

A new feature added for this year's exhibition was a blacksmith demonstration at a small shop, recently constructed on the museum property. Eventually, Standley said, he would like to hold a "hammer-in," or a blacksmithing exhibition, where individuals could show off their skills in the trade. He also wants to add a cedar-carving competition at some point.

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Porcelain china-painting school comes to Seaside for 14th year

Students take part in ancient art form during four-day event

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The Seaside Civic and Convention Center was overrun by china last week. No, not the world's most populous country, but rather hordes of white porcelain dishes, plates, vases and other items, much of which were decorated or in the process of being painted during the Oregon World Organization of China Painters' annual Oregon Porcelain Art Retreat.

The four-day porcelain china-painting seminar, which took place from May 5 to 8, has been held at the convention center for 14 years.

The purpose of the annual school, according to President Jo Thackery, is "to try to further educate our students in porcelain art." About 100 students, most of them women upwards of 50 from across the United States, joined together at the convention center to take classes from 12 instructors, each with a different style or theme.

Students could pick which instructor's class to take, and all the students in one class created the same image, such as black roses, portraits, flowers, grapes, roosters and more, on a piece of porcelain, such as a vase or tile.

Participants had to purchase their class project porcelain from the school store in order for it be accepted for firing. Over the course of four days,

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Instructor Nancy Fisher, right, a renowned artist from Florida, helps a student understand the technique for painting daffodils on a vase during a class period at the Oregon Porcelain Art Retreat on May 5. The four-day retreat is an annual event, held at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

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