

Debra Thompson

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Looks like these didn't go to you too, Debbie. Cindi

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Subject: Marijuana Questions

Dear Mayor and Borough Assembly,

Thank you for your work on the marijuana ordinance. As requested during your last meeting, I would like to provide some input as a member of our community.

- 1) Should the borough have a separate license? YES. I believe this is important for local control.
- 2) Should the borough allow marijuana facility on borough owned property? NO.
- 3) Should onsite use at a retailer be allowed? NO smoking or vaping should be allowed for the same reason cigarette use shouldn't be allowed. Other use such as oral intake should have similar restrictions as public alcohol use.
- 4) Should retail hours be limited? YES. They should be limited just as liquor stores & bars are.
- 5) Should the borough set a max # of permits? NOT Sure. While I agree we shouldn't have a dozen shops in town, I also don't think government should interfere with fair commerce. I doubt a dozen shops would open &/or survive so I believe this would probably work itself out without the borough bothering with setting limits.
- 6) Should the borough restrict any one of the 4 types of locations? YES. All types should be subjected to permitting/licensing and ongoing oversight as expected of a bar/liquor store. Cultivation and manufacturing should be subjected to its own rules. The most important things I think are probably already covered under regulations. Any establishment that deals with marijuana should be well marked & a reasonable distance from schools/childcare facilities, and residential neighborhoods.

As a parent its important for me to keep my children educated and safe when it comes to any type of substance use, but as a community I don't think its right to limit the public's access to legal facilities. Just as I avoid bars/liquor stores with my kids I will avoid any establishment that deals with marijuana. As long as marijuana retailers are marked well and follow similar regulations (i.e. age limits, open hours, etc.) like bars and liquor stores there should be no problem.

My concern is really more with the model of a local restaurant that sell smoking supplies. It reminds me of the tacky "smoke shops" that were common place in my home town in Eugene, Oregon long before the legalization of marijuana. These shops operated with little oversight because they claimed to sell tobacco supplies. Even as a kid I knew the guy walking out with a 3 foot bong wasn't going home to smoke tobacco! When I heard about the restaurant here, I was irritated for the sake of my family and embarrassed for the sake of Petersburg because I had this "smoke shop" image in my head from childhood. If pot is sold in any establishment it just needs to be obvious. I'd hate to think tourists would sit down to enjoy a meal

without the full upfront knowledge of what else is being offered. I'm assuming the regulations already cover this type of thing!

Thank for your time and all your hard work.

Megan Litster