

# City of Ferndale

## Medical Marihuana Information



### THE CITY OF FERNDALE'S MEDICAL MARIHUANA ORDINANCE

The City of Ferndale defines a medical marihuana facility as a facility where primary caregivers and/or qualified patients, who are legally registered by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), may lawfully assist qualified patients, also legally registered by the MDCH, concerning the evaluation, counseling, and acquisition of medical marihuana in accordance with the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, as amended. No person shall own or operate a medical marihuana facility or medical marihuana grow operation in the city without first applying for and receiving a license from the City Clerk's Office. Approved zones for medical marihuana facilities with special land use approval (under the current ordinance) are M1, M2, and OS. Approved zones for grow operations with special land use approval (under the current ordinance) are M1 and M2. (See: regulatory licensing ordinance in Ferndale City Code Sec. 7-410 through 7-415.) To view the ordinance in its entirety—including license requirements, violations, conditions, and application—visit [bit.ly/ferndale-medical](http://bit.ly/ferndale-medical).

### THE CURRENT STATE OF THE CITY'S MEDICAL MARIHUANA POLICY

**Applications are not being considered at this time.** In response to PA 281-283 of 2016, signed into law by the Governor of Michigan on September 21, 2016, the City of Ferndale is in the process of reviewing its local ordinances. Administration expects to submit a recommendation to City Council in July 2017. Until Council has approved an updated ordinance, no additional medical marihuana applications will be approved. Council actions relative to medical marihuana can be viewed in the meeting minutes archive at [bit.ly/council-081015](http://bit.ly/council-081015).

### MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES PERMITTED TO DATE

There are four facilities permitted in Ferndale to date. In August 2015, City Council passed a resolution to suspend consideration of new medical marihuana facilities (except one still under review) until staff could monitor the previously approved facilities for a 6-to-12-month period and determine how the facilities affect public services. Only one of these facilities has opened to date. The facilities are detailed below.

| Name                       | Address                | Approval Date | Current Status  |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---|
| Meridian Wellness          | 1915 E. Nine Mile Rd.  | 7/28/14       | Open  |
| Hospital Retail Solutions  | 2625 Hilton Rd.        | 1/26/15       | Construction/inspections                                  |
| C-Gardens, LLC             | 930 E. Lewiston        | 5/26/15       | Construction/inspections                                  |
| Michigan Health Collective | 1521 E. Eight Mile Rd. | 5/23/16       | Building plans submitted                                  |
| Oasis Wellness Center      | 1921B Hilton Rd.       | N/A           | Application tabled at January Planning Commission meeting |

## **EVEN THOUGH APPLICATIONS ARE NOT CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED, CAN I STILL SUBMIT ONE?**

Completed applications—including evidencing authorization to use the subject property for medical marijuana (lease, purchase)—may be submitted; however, staff is unable to review new applications per the August 10, 2015 (and November 14, 2016) resolution until the review period is complete and approved by City Council.

## **QUICK LINKS & RESOURCES**

### **Current City of Ferndale Medical Marijuana Ordinance**

[bit.ly/ferndale-medical](http://bit.ly/ferndale-medical)

### **City of Ferndale Medical Marijuana Application Packet**

[ferndalemi.gov/Doing\\_Business/Permit\\_Center](http://ferndalemi.gov/Doing_Business/Permit_Center)

### **State of Michigan Laws (PA 281-283 of 2016)**

[www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov)

## **CONTACT**

For additional information or questions, contact the City of Ferndale Community and Economic Development (CED) Department at 248-546-2366 or [ced@ferndalemi.gov](mailto:ced@ferndalemi.gov).