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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 4, 2015
TO: Deschutes County Planning Commission
FROM: Matthew Martin, Associate Planner
RE: Public Hearing for proposed Text Amendments Addressing Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

I. SUMMARY

The Planning Division is bringing a package of text amendments to the Planning Commission for a public hearing on March 12, 2015. These amendments propose to define, permit, and establish standards for medical marijuana dispensaries. These amendments do not address regulation of recreational marijuana or medical marijuana grow sites.

II. BACKGROUND

On March 17, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 2014-008 establishing a moratorium on the operation of any marijuana dispensary in any area subject to the jurisdiction of Deschutes County. This ordinance included a sunset clause resulting in the repeal of the ordinance on May 1, 2015. In anticipation of this repeal, staff is presenting proposed text amendments.

A work session with the Planning Commission addressing these amendments was held on February 26, 2015. At the work session, the Planning Commission requested examples of regulations established by other jurisdictions in Oregon addressing medical marijuana dispensaries. Due to limited time available to prepare the Planning Commission packet, examples will be provided at the public hearing on March 12th.

III. SCHEDULE

Once the hearing is closed and the Planning Commission issues a recommendation, staff will schedule a public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners (Board) for a final decision. The hearing before the Board is tentatively scheduled on April 13, 2015.

Attachment:

Staff Report – File No. 247-15-000063-TA