

Commissioners - Tanya - Marijuana 8 JULY, 2019.

I encourage you to opt out of the state restrictions limiting your ability to manage the Marijuana industry in Deschutes County. Constituents of yours like me need you. I am a retired Civil servant (Wildland Firefighter) and decorated Viet Nam Combat Veteran. I have lived in my home at Lake Park Estates single family Home owners Association for 26 years. Despite proclamations of "unconstitutional and unfair" restrictions on the industry by this County, the unfettered growth be it Medical, recreational or Hemp production continues. This should not be allowed on MUA 10 zoned lands like the 195 5 acre and less properties in Lake Park Estates and other such residential sites.

CASE IN POINT.

Background.

In 2016 my neighbor came from Oklahoma to buy 5 acres at 4288 NE. 29th st. and create a Medical Marijuana growing operation. Barely beating adoption of the first County rules and regulations, he was 'grandfathered' in, and has

grown since. 9 permit applications have been submitted to the County, all directly related to the development and expansion of his operation comprising a shop and 2 large greenhouses thus far. The property is now advertised as a HEMP Production Facility and it is unclear if the original Oregon Health Authority for medical growing is still in place or if his application in 2018 for a Recreational Growing permit has been approved? Now a 2019 Ag. Dept. Permit.

MY CONCERNS:

- 1.) water use. My well went dry in July, 2018 costing me \$18,000.00 to restore. My observations indicate this entire agricultural pursuit has been watered with the private ground water well, the only source of irrigation in this subdivision. How much water does this use?
- 2.) water quality. Previous years soil residues are piled next to adjacent properties. What chemicals might they contain and are they leeching into the ground water table? Debris storage-Removal?

CONCERNS: (CONTINUED)

3. Noise - Believed to be from 24 hour fan operation year round.
4. ODOR - From outdoor and open greenhouse growing operations.
5. Traffic - Both industrial and itinerant labor force during harvest and production periods.
6. Lighting - Repeated observations of intense greenhouse lighting at night.
7. Setbacks - Who measures those?

I appreciate having the opportunity to provide input from my perspective on the potential issues arising from this industry. I hope you will agree that maintaining local regulation and some semblance of control is extremely important in assuring the quality of life we enjoy here in Deschutes County.

Sincerely yours;

Charles E. Cook Jr.
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Addendum to 'Commissioners - Marijuana'

My wife and I attended the O.L.C.C. listening session last night (7/9/19). Trust me when I tell you that the O.L.C.C. directors did not hear a fair and equitable representation from your constituents of Deschutes County on the matter of the Continued expansion of the recreational marijuana industry. Our observations concluded that there were 42 marijuana Producers and their representatives present and voicing their concerns at this session. My wife and I appeared to be the only 2 residents with questions and concerns about public health and safety or environmental sustainability of such a rapidly expanding industry here in the high desert. Our questions were not addressed.

The OLCC mission statement:

"Support businesses, public safety and community liveability through education and the enforcement of liquor and marijuana laws." Last night's meeting was entirely about supporting business in my opinion.

Charles Cook

Tanya Saltzman

From: Tammy Harty <tammyharty@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 1:29 PM
To: Tanya Saltzman
Subject: Reconsideration of Marijuana Text Amendments

I am a landowner on a small EFU zoned parcel. Since marijuana was legalized, our community has experienced impacts from marijuana growers including but not limited to:

- Traffic
- Odor
- Safety concerns
- Potential criminal activity and persons
- Negative impact on land values
- Quality of life

We have a choice here and we should not be held hostage by the notion that the right to farm or that by legalizing marijuana gives the right to grow cannabis in our County. The right to farm legislation was intended to protect agricultural crops that are vital and necessary to provide food sources. Cannabis is not vital or necessary to our existence. In fact, to the contrary, marijuana is a class I substance under the controlled substance act and the US food and drug administration concluded that marijuana has no federally approved medical use for treatment in the US. There is no need to grow cannabis and there is already an oversupply. Why would we need to allow more growers ?

In addition, I believe it is clear that this crop is not compatible with our lifestyle farms in Deschutes County, it poses threats to neighbors and creates adverse impacts on neighbors as well as the community. These grow operations cause huge strains on our law enforcement and other County resources and staff as well as its listing as a Class 1 substance with a high potential for abuse and unsafe behavior. Not to mention the substantial increase in cannabis related ER visits and the impact on addiction and mental health resources. The only clear solution is to opt out.

Please OPT OUT. Thanks for your consideration.

Tammy Harty