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Medical Marijuana Caregiver Home Occupation

§122-527(c)

This Fact Sheet is not a substitute for the ordinance, but addresses common questions about City ordinances. For further information, please call the Building Department.

All permit applications are available from the Building Department and at cityofypsilanti.com/permits.

Completed applications may be dropped off at the Building Department.

City Hall

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Building

3rd Floor, City Hall
Phone: (734) 482-1025
cityofypsilanti.com/building

Planning

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All permits, fees, and factsheets can be found at cityofypsilanti.com/permits.

One state registered caregiver per parcel may be permitted to grow medical marijuana as a home occupation in a single family home.

Permits Required: City of Ypsilanti Business License
Building, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, or mechanical permits may be necessary for safe operation
State medical marijuana caregiver certification
(michigan.gov/lara)

Other Requirements:

- Caregiver home occupations are permitted in single-family residences only (not apartments). The home occupation must be owned and operated only by a member or members of the immediate family residing on the premises. If the occupant is not the property owner, the property owner must consent to the home occupation.
- Medical marijuana home occupations are not allowed within 1,000 feet of a school.
- The home occupation shall not be visible from the street nor change the outside appearance of the dwelling nor alter the residential character of the structure.
- No more than one other person shall be employed or involved with such activity on the premises other than a member of the immediate family residing in the dwelling unit.
- No more than one primary caregiver per parcel shall be permitted to grow or cultivate medical marijuana.
- No more than five qualifying patients shall be assisted with the medical use of marijuana within any given calendar week. No home occupation can exceed 25% of usable residential floor area, or 300 feet, whichever is less.
- Home occupations may be located in any portion of the dwelling, including a basement, and any accessory building, as long as residential building code and state requirements are met.
- All medical marijuana must be contained within an enclosed, locked facility inside a primary or accessory building.
- If a room with windows is used as a growing location, any lighting that exceeds usual residential levels between the hours of 11pm and 7am shall employ shielding methods, to prevent ambient light spillage that may create a distraction for adjacent residential properties.
- The premises will be open for inspection upon request by the Building Official, the Fire Department, and Police Department for compliance with all applicable laws and rules.
- The medical use of marijuana must comply at all times and in all circumstances with the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act and the General Rules of the Michigan Department of Community Health, as they may be amended from time to time.

The Michigan Medical Marijuana Act does not protect users, caregivers, or the owners of properties on which the medical use of marijuana is occurring from Federal prosecution.

The Michigan Medical Marijuana Act requires patients and caregivers to be licensed through the State Department of Public Health. **Registration with the State of Michigan as a caregiver is necessary for permit approval. Additional information can be found at the State of Michigan Licensing and Regulatory Affairs website at http://michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-35299_28150_51869---,00.html.**