

West Orange Cannabis Task Force and Advisory Committee Meeting

Agenda

Thursday, December 2, 2021

7 p.m. Via Zoom

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Roll Call – Chief James Abbott, Councilwoman Casalino, Abdur Yasin, Jonathan Redwine, John Wayman Henry, Abdul Moore, Councilwoman Matute-Brown

1. Purpose of task force
 - a. Ensure compliance with ordinance addressing cannabis to include the recent update from the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission.
 - b. Create framework for applications to include weighted scale or rubric.
 - c. Create best-practices with respect to licenses permissible by township ordinance to include odor control systems; water and plant waste; social justice and equity; hydroponics vs soil vs XXXX for cultivators; security to include direct panic line to police department.
 - d. Create 'green zones' where business can be established.
 - e. Create regulations for community enhancement programs participation by those establishing businesses in our township.
 - f. Create annual fee structure.
2. Discuss and adopt bylaws.
3. Discuss scoring/weighted scale for applications.
4. Discuss and adopt draft application.
5. Review and current changes to be made to ordinance.
6. Suitable locations / Zoning (including signage; distance from schools)
7. Discuss method of accepting applications -platform.
8. Set timeline for release of application (cultivation, manufacturing)
9. Educational outreach campaign & Enforcement
10. Set next meeting date.
11. Good of the order.
 - a. Next CRC meeting – Tuesday, December 7, 2021 @ 6pm.
<https://www.nj.gov/cannabis/about/meetings/index.shtml>
 - b. Municipalities that **opted-out** in Essex County: Caldwell; Cedar Grove; East Orange; Fairfield; Irvington; Montclair; Nutley; Orange; Roseland; South Orange; Verona; West Caldwell;
 - c. Municipalities that **opted-in** in Essex County: Belleville; Bloomfield; Essex Fells; Glen Ridge; Livingston; Millburn; Newark; North Caldwell; West Orange
 - d. Statewide, over 70% have banned all types of cannabis business.