

Frequently Asked Medical Marihuana Ordinance Questions v.3

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1. Will Provisioning Center applications be scored and ranked anonymously?

No, applications will not be evaluated anonymously. Numerous factors of the scoring criteria make this impossible. Please refer to Ordinance 1217, 1300.05 “License Application Submission” for the documents required and 1300.06 “License Application Evaluation”.

2. Will citizens have access to all of the applicant information submitted?

No, full application information will not be made available to the public. Consistent with the MMFLA, MCL 333.27205(4), Section 1300.08(A) states “To the extent permissible under the law, all information submitted in conjunction with an application for a license or license renewal required by this chapter is confidential and exempt from disclosure under Michigan Freedom of Information Act...”

However, the Clerk’s Office will issue a list of applicants and establishment addresses after the close of the application period.

3. Does the \$100,000.00 net worth requirement for the application need to be in the applicant’s name?

1300.05(B)(22) states “Verification, including copies of actual bank statements, showing that the applicant has minimum net worth of \$100,000.00 in the applicant’s name.”

The name on the account with the fund must match the applicant type selected, whether an individual, corporation, LLC or other entity is selected.

4. What application format for Provisioning Center applications will be accepted?

Only electronic submission will be accepted. Each item on the checklist in the application attachments tab needs to be clearly labeled.

The Clerk's Office will not accept incomplete applications. The Clerk's Office will assess completeness after receipt of documentation by the application deadline.

5. If an applicant elects to obtain a surety bond will a "Statement of Intent" to issue a Surety Bond from the insurer be sufficient?

Yes, a statement from the potential insurer indicating the intent to purchase the Surety Bond may accompany the application. A copy of the purchased Surety Bond listing the City of Lansing as obligee must be submitted before the final license can be granted.

The address for the document is City of Lansing, 124 W Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933. The Surety Bond must guarantee applicant compliance with Ordinance 1217.

6. Has the City of Lansing released zoning maps of Provisioning Center locations?

Yes, there are two zoning maps posted on the Clerk's webpage:

www.lansingmi.gov/marijuana

You may contact the City of Lansing Zoning Department at 517-483-4085 to confirm the zoning of a specific property.

There is an additional map which includes the address and business name of the twenty licensed and conditionally approved applicants.

7. Can I use a Purchase Agreement as proof of ownership of the premises?

Chapter 1300.05(B)(13) states, “One of the following: (a) proof of ownership of the entire premises wherein the medical marijuana establishment is to be operated; or (b) written consent of the property owner for use of the premises in a manner requiring licensure under this chapter along with a copy of any lease for the premises.”

A purchase agreement may be used for the application process, but the final license will not be issued without proof of ownership or written consent of the property owner along with a copy of the lease.

8. Can a land contract be used as proof of ownership of the premises?

A land contract is acceptable if filed with the Lansing City Assessor’s Office.