

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Letter of Intent for Dispensaries In Ward 7 or Ward 8 Applications

Pursuant to 22-C DCMR § 5401.1, applications for a new dispensary registrations shall only be accepted by the Director during the open application period as specified by the Director by published Notice in the D.C. Register; such period shall not be extended. Pursuant to 22-C DCMR § 5401.2, prior to the submission of a formal application for a new dispensary registration, the prospective applicant shall submit a Letter of Intent to the Director or a designee. The Director shall only accept Letters of Intent during the time period specified by the Director by Notice in the D.C. Register, such period shall not be extended. The purpose of the Letter of Intent is to formally notify the Director that an application for a dispensary registration will be forthcoming.

Letters of Intent shall be submitted only by completing the Letter of Intent Form posted on the DC Medical Marijuana Webpage <http://doh.dc.gov/mmp>. No other format is acceptable. Letters of Intent for a dispensary in Ward 7 or Ward 8 will be received beginning Monday, March 6, 2017 at 9:00 am and ending Friday, April 7, 2017 at 12:00 Noon ET. Letters should be addressed to: DC Medical Marijuana Program, 899 North Capitol Street, NE, 2nd Floor Washington, DC 20002. Letters shall be submitted in a manner to ensure signed receipt.

Only one (1) registration will be issued. Applicants may submit an application for Ward 7 and an application for Ward 8, but must file a separate Letter of Intent Form and a separate application, with a separate application fee, for each. Only the individuals and entities that submit timely Letters of Intent to the Director, meeting the requirements set forth in the regulations, shall be permitted to submit an application for a dispensary registration in Ward 7 or Ward 8. Regardless of the number of applications received, only one (1) registration will be issued, and it will be issued for either Ward 7 or Ward 8, but not both.

The United States Congress has determined that marijuana is a controlled substance and has placed marijuana in Schedule I of the Controlled Substance Act. Growing, distributing, and possessing marijuana in any capacity, other than as a part of a federally authorized research program, is a violation of federal laws. The District of Columbia's law authorizing the District's medical marijuana program will not excuse any person from any violation of the federal laws governing marijuana or authorize any registrant to violate federal laws.