

CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 5770

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING INTERIM ZONING REGULATIONS FOR RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA RETAIL USES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City has the authority to adopt an interim zoning ordinance pursuant to RCW 35A.63.220, 36.70A.390 and 36.70.790; and

WHEREAS, the Liquor and Cannabis Board has indicated that it will expand the permissible number of recreational marijuana licenses, with almost no notice to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that there is a need for an interim zoning ordinance to regulate recreational marijuana retail uses in certain zones as the City considers and analyzes options for regulating the permitted number of such uses, or otherwise controlling the density and separation of such uses; and

WHEREAS, public hearings were held on February 19, 2014 and August 6, 2014, before the Planning Commission to take testimony;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. The above recitals are found to be true and correct in all respects.

SECTION II. The City Council makes the following findings:

1. The purpose of this interim zoning ordinance is:

a. To continue to permit recreational marijuana retail uses in a manner that does not detrimentally concentrate such uses and create negative secondary effects on the

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surrounding community, and is compatible with new and existing development in the surrounding community; and

b. To allow the City adequate time to consider and develop new zoning code regulations, as well as potential rezones of some areas.

2. The City is currently engaged in a work program to study and analyze recreational marijuana retail and the detrimental effects it may have, if any.

3. Until further action of this Council, the total number of recreational marijuana retail uses in the City of Renton is limited to five (5).

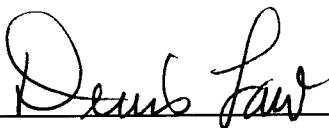
SECTION III. This is hereby declared an emergency in order to protect the public safety, health and general welfare and this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 5th day of October, 2015.



Jason A. Seth, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 5th day of October, 2015.



Denis Law, Mayor

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Approved as to form:



Lawrence J. Warren, City Attorney

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