

**NOTICE TO CITY OF HANCOCK RESIDENTS
PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

CITY OF HANCOCK

ORDINANCE #

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS OR LICENSES FOR THE SALE OR DISPENSATION OF MEDICAL MARIHUANA.

WHEREAS, the sale or dispensation of medical marihuana was not envisioned when the current Zoning Ordinance was adopted and the Zoning Ordinance does not currently address the use; and

BECAUSE, processing land use permit requests for land uses associated with the sale or dispensation of medical marihuana prior to the amendment of the Zoning Ordinance would be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare and would not ensure that the use is situated in appropriate locations and relationships; and

BECAUSE, the City desires to ascertain the best and safest path to comply with the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, Initiated Law 1 of 2008, MCL 333.26421 et seq., and the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

BECAUSE, the City Council wishes there to be further study and the preparation of an ordinance in the very near future; and

BECAUSE, the City Council determines that it is desirable to immediately forbid the issuance of permits and licenses for land uses associated with the sale or dispensation of medical marihuana until an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance becomes effective; and

THE CITY OF HANCOCK HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section (1) A moratorium is established on the issuance of all City permits, licenses and approvals, including building permits, land use permits and certificates of occupancy, in regard to land uses associated with the sale or dispensation of medical marihuana from the effective date hereof, until January 15, 2012 or the effective date of the adoption of a proper text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and any necessary licensing requirements, whichever occurs first.

Section (2) All City Boards and Commissions are asked and authorized to give their analysis and recommendation regarding a zoning ordinance or licensing regulation concerning the sale and dispensation of medical marihuana top priority.

Section 3. This ordinance was introduced by the City Council of the City of Hancock, Houghton County, Michigan on the 18th day of May, 2011.

The foregoing proposed ordinance was introduced in writing at the regular meeting of the Hancock City Council held on Wednesday, May 18th, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

A Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. prior to the regular meeting to hear public comments on this ordinance. Copies are available at the Clerk Office (M-F) 8am-5pm.

This Ordinance will be presented to the Hancock City Council for adoption or rejection at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Karen Haischer, CMC
City Clerk

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