

Timeline of Marijuana in Fort Collins

Temporary Ban

Temporary Ban Implemented

November 2010
 Ban put into place to allow time to create and adopt local licensing and regulations that included Zoning and Land Use Code definitions.

Marijuana Centers Open

20 Medical Marijuana Centers Open

March 2011

Citizen-Initiated Ban

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November 2011
 At the November 2011 election, a citizen initiated measure to ban all marijuana businesses was passed.

Centers Shut Down

February 14, 2012
 All medical marijuana centers shut down.

#301 & Amendment #64 Pass Medical Center Licensing Resumes

Citizen-Initiated #301 Passed

November 2012
 At the November 2012 election a citizen-initiated measure (#301) allowing medical marijuana businesses was put on the ballot and passed.

Presently

Staff is in the process of licensing medical marijuana businesses under the adopted 301 regulations.
 *8 licensed centers to date.
 Temporary ban in place until March 31, 2014 on retail marijuana stores.

Voters passed Amendment 64 statewide, allowing recreational marijuana and a regulatory framework for retail stores.

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Medical Marijuana: What Does #301 Include?

A medical marijuana center cannot be:

1. Within one thousand (1,000) feet of any private or public preschool, elementary, secondary, vocational or trade school, college or university;
 2. Within one thousand (1,000) feet of any public playground;
 3. Within five hundred (500) feet of:
 - any child care center
 - any place of worship or religious assembly
 - any public park, pool, or recreation facility
 - any juvenile or adult halfway house, correctional facility or substance abuse rehabilitation or treatment center
 4. Within the boundaries of 10 zoning districts (mostly residential);
 5. In a residential unit.
- Businesses that were licensed prior to November 1, 2011, can be located on the same parcel they were licensed to operate on prior to November 1, 2011, and are not subject to the location requirements listed above. Businesses that were licensed prior to November 1, 2011, applying at a new location, must abide by all of the location requirements and be located within an appropriate zone.
 - Initiative 301 restricts the number of medical marijuana center licenses in Fort Collins based on the number of registered medical marijuana patients in Larimer County according to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.
 - One license per 500 registered patients is allowed. This cap does not apply to businesses that were operating prior to the voter-approved ban on November 1, 2011. Applications from prior business count toward the cap, but are allowed to exceed the cap. Current Fort Collins Cap = 9

Retail Marijuana

In November 2012, voters state-wide passed Amendment 64 allowing the recreational use of marijuana and establishing a framework for retail businesses. Council adopted a temporary ban on retail marijuana businesses until March 31, 2014 to allow staff adequate time to research options, conduct public outreach, and formulate recommendations.

What Does Amendment #64 Allow?

- Possession and consumption of up to one ounce of marijuana by any person 21 years and older. Cannot be consumed openly and publically. Cannot be sold from one person to another.
- Any person 21 years and older can grow up to 6 marijuana plants in their home (language refers to a closed and locked space).
- The following types of retail businesses:
 - ❖ **Retail Store**- May purchase marijuana/ products and sell to the public.
 - ❖ **Manufacturing Facility**- May purchase marijuana for the manufacture, preparation, and packaging of marijuana products. May not sell to the public.
 - ❖ **Testing Facility**- Analyze and certify the safety and potency of marijuana.
 - ❖ **Cultivation Facility**- May cultivate, prepare, and package marijuana for sale to a retail store or manufacturer. May not sell to the public.
- Amendment allows local municipalities to ban retail businesses by Council action, refer a ban to the voters (must be November 2014 election) to let citizens decide whether to allow or not, or adopt local regulations for these businesses.