



April 19, 2016

Ryan Tefertiller, Urban Planning Manager
City of Colorado Springs
Land Use Review Division
30 S. Nevada Ave.
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Dear Mr. Tefertiller,

Downtown Development Authority expresses support of proposed changes to Form-Base Code Section 2.5.6 regarding Medical Marijuana Uses, to be in alignment with modifications to citywide standards addressing Medical Marijuana Uses.

The changes address the need to ensure that medical marijuana centers are permitted uses throughout the zone, but more crucially to prohibit medical marijuana infused project manufacturers (hazardous) within Form-Based Zone Sectors, as such uses can degrade property and pose harm and risks to neighboring properties. We also support that optional premises cultivation operations and medical marijuana infused project manufacturers (non-hazardous) shall be allowed with approval of a conditional use permit by the Downtown Review Board throughout the Downtown Form-Based Zone.

These changes allow for appropriate access to medical marijuana centers by customers while also addressing the negative challenges posed by cultivation operations within a dense, mixed-use, pedestrian oriented environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Edmondson".

Susan Edmondson
Executive Director, DDA