



CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: May 28, 2014
To: LUR and DRE Staff
From: Peter Wysocki, Director
Subject: Marijuana/Cannabis Consumption Clubs

In denying City Administration's appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of Studio A64's appeal of the Notice and Order to cease the operation of the facility, the City Council interpreted that Studio A64 is a similar use to a *social club*, which falls under the parent definition of a (*membership*) club.

CLUB (Membership): A use providing meeting, recreational, or social facilities for a private, nonprofit or noncommercial association, primarily for use by members and guests, excluding uses with the chief activity being a service customarily carried on as a business.

- a. *Recreational Clubs: A club providing indoor and/or outdoor athletic facilities, with or without social facilities. Typical uses include health clubs, country clubs, nonprofit recreation or community centers.*
- b. *Social Clubs: A club providing social or meeting facilities. Typical uses include private social clubs and fraternal organizations.*

The definition does not stipulate that there must be a fee charged for the membership. Studio A64 happens to charge a nominal fee, although the City Council did not stipulate or otherwise ruled that a fee must be charged for the membership or specify terms of the membership.

Based on City Council's action, marijuana/cannabis consumption facilities are permitted or conditionally permitted in zoning districts where (*membership*) clubs are permitted. All standard review procedures shall continue to apply. Marijuana/cannabis consumption facilities are not to be interpreted as *hookah bars*.

The Council directed staff to craft an ordinance to regulate marijuana/cannabis consumption facilities.