

ORDINANCE NO. 16-_____

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW APPENDIX P (INDOOR FLORA GROW OPERATIONS IN RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCIES) TO SECTION 105 (AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE) OF PART 1 (FIRE PREVENTION CODE) OF ARTICLE 4 (FIRE PREVENTION) OF CHAPTER 8 (PUBLIC SAFETY) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS 2001, AS AMENDED, PERTAINING TO INDOOR FLORA GROW OPERATIONS IN RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCIES

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. Section 105 (Amendments to the International Fire Code) of Part 1 (Fire Prevention Code) of Article 4 (Fire Prevention) of Chapter 8 (Public Safety) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, is amended to create a new Appendix P to the Fire Prevention Code, to read as follows:

**APPENDIX P
INDOOR FLORA GROW OPERATIONS IN RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCIES**

**SECTION L101
GENERAL**

P101.1 Scope. The provisions of this appendix shall apply to all 1- and 2- single family dwellings and townhomes, as defined by the International Residential Code, where the indoor growing for propagation, production, consumption, and/or selling of flora exists and shall constitute minimum requirements and standards to provide a reasonable level of safety from fire and other hazards.

P101.1.1 Prohibited locations. Flora grow operations shall not be permitted in R1 and R2 occupancies as defined by the International Building Code.

P101.2 Intent. This appendix shall be construed to secure its expressed intent, which is to ensure public health, safety and welfare insofar as they are affected by the continued occupancy and maintenance of structures and premises.

P101.3 Authority to inspect. The fire code official is authorized to enter and examine any building, structure, vehicle or premises in accordance with Section 104.3 of the International Fire Code for the purpose of enforcing this code.

PL101.4 Inspections. The fire code official is authorized to conduct inspections as are deemed necessary to determine the extent of compliance with the provisions of this code and to approve reports of inspection by approved agencies or individuals. All reports of such inspections shall be prepared and submitted in writing for review and approval. Inspection reports shall be certified by a responsible officer of an approved agency or by the responsible individual. The fire code official is authorized to engage expert opinion as deemed necessary to report upon unusual, detailed or complex technical issues subject to the approval of the governing body.

P101.4.1 Inspection requests. It shall be the duty of the property owner or their designee to notify the fire code official when work is ready for inspection. It shall be the duty of the property owner or their designee to provide access to and means for inspections of such work that are required by this code.

SECTION P102 DEFINITIONS

P102.1 Terms defined in other codes. Where terms are not defined in this code and are defined in the International Building Code, International Existing Building Code, International Fire Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Mechanical Code, International Plumbing Code, International Residential Code, International Zoning Code or NFPA 70, such terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them as stated in those codes.

P102.2 Parts. Whenever the words "dwelling unit," "dwelling," "premises," "building," "rooming house," "rooming unit," "housekeeping unit" or "story" are stated in this appendix, they shall be construed as though they were followed by the words "or any part thereof."

P102.3 Definitions not listed. For definitions not listed in Section L102.4 , see Chapter 2 of the International Fire Code.

P102.4 Definitions.

ACCESSORY STRUCTURE. A structure that is accessory to and incidental to that of the dwellings and that is located on the same lot or premises. For example a residential structure may have a detached garage or storage shed for garden tools as accessory structures. Other examples of accessory structures include, but are not limited to, gazebos, picnic pavilions, greenhouses, pole barns, storage sheds, and similar buildings.

BEDROOM/SLEEPING ROOM. A habitable space used primarily for sleeping purposes and containing a closet 16 inches or greater in depth.

DETERIORATION. To weaken, disintegrate, corrode, rust or decay and lose effectiveness.

EASEMENT. That portion of land or property reserved for present or future use by a person or agency other than the legal fee owner(s) of the property. The easement shall be permitted to be for use under, on or above a said lot or lots.

ENCLOSURE. An area that is sealed off with an artificial or natural barrier.

FLORA. The plant life occurring in a particular region or time, generally the naturally occurring or indigenous. For the purposes of this code, flora shall include non-indigenous as well.

IMMINENT DANGER. A condition which could cause serious or life-threatening injury or death at any time.

NEGLECT. The lack of proper maintenance for a building or structure.

OCCUPANCY. The purpose for which a building or portion thereof is utilized or occupied.

OCCUPANT. Any individual living or sleeping in a building, or having possession of a space within a building.

OPENABLE AREA. That part of a window, skylight or door which is available for unobstructed ventilation and which opens directly to the outdoors.

PREMISES. A lot, plot or parcel of land, easement or public way, including any structures thereon.

RELOCATEABLE POWER TAPS. Multi-outlet power strip used to extend power from an approved receptacle.

STRUCTURE. That which is built or constructed or a portion thereof.

TENANT. A person, corporation, partnership or group, whether or not the legal owner of record, occupying a building or portion thereof as a unit.

**SECTION P103
HAZARDS TO ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS**

P103.1 Pitfalls. The intentional design or alteration of buildings to disable, injure, trap, immobilize, engulf maim or kill persons is prohibited. No person shall install and use firearms, trapdoors sharp or pointed objects, razor wire, explosives, flammable or combustible liquid containers, or dispensers containing highly toxic, toxic, irritant or other hazardous materials in a manner which may passively or actively disable, injure, maim or kill a fire fighter, emergency medical personnel, peace officer, person or other enforcement official who enters a building for the purpose of controlling or extinguishing a fire, rescuing trapped occupants or rendering other emergency assistance.

**SECTION P104
ROOMS USED FOR FLORA GROW AND PRODUCTION OPERATIONS**

P104.1 Permitted locations. Flora growing operations utilizing grow lighting shall be limited to areas of the residence other than kitchens, bathrooms and/or bedrooms/sleeping rooms.

Exception: A bedroom/sleeping room may be used as long as the dwelling unit maintains at least one code compliant bedroom/sleeping room.

P104.2 Room size. A room or an enclosure with grow lighting used for flora grow, propagation, consumption, or selling shall be limited to 150 square feet aggregate in size per premises.

P104.3 Occupancy classification. Flora grow, propagation, consumption or selling operations in a room or an enclosure exceeding 150 square feet

aggregate shall be considered an F-occupancy under the International Building Code, and a change of use and occupancy for the single family dwelling. Permitting for a change of use/occupancy shall be required through the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department and Colorado Springs Land Use Review. Applicable building and fire code requirements for the F-occupancy shall apply.

P104.4 Land use. The use/occupancy of the structure shall meet all applicable zoning code requirements or otherwise obtain zoning approval for desired use, through City Planning/Land Use Review.

SECTION P105 ELECTRICAL AND LIGHTING

P105.1 Service. The wattage and usage of appliances and equipment shall serve as a basis for determining the need for additional facilities in accordance with NFPA 70.

P105.2 Installation. All electrical equipment, wiring and appliances shall be properly permitted, installed, and inspected in accordance with the requirements of the currently adopted Pikes Peaks Regional Building Code.

P105.2.1 Permits. All required permits shall be obtained, and electrical equipment shall be maintained in a safe and approved manner at all times.

P105.3 Lighting. Lighting used for the indoor growing, or propagation of flora shall be limited to light emitting diodes (LED), compact florescent lamps (CFL), fluorescent lighting or other lighting that may be approved by the fire code official.

P105.3.1 Listed and labeled. All lighting used for the indoor growing and propagation of flora shall be listed and labeled.

P105.4 Electrical hazards. Where it is found that the electrical system in a structure constitutes a hazard to the occupants or the structure by reason of inadequate service, improper overcurrent protection, insufficient receptacle and lighting outlets, improper wiring or installation, deterioration or damage, or for similar reasons, the fire code official shall require the defects to be corrected or removed, to eliminate the hazard.

P105.4.1 Relocatable power taps. Multi-plug adapters, such as cube adapters, unfused plug strips or any other device not complying with NFPA 70 shall be prohibited.

P105.4.2 Relocatable power tap design. Relocatable power taps shall be of the polarized or grounded type, equipped with overcurrent protection, and shall be listed in accordance with UL 1363.

P105.4.3 Power supply. Relocatable power taps shall be directly connected to a permanently installed and approved receptacle.

P105.4.4 Installation. Relocatable power tap cords shall not extend through walls, ceilings, floors, under doors or floor coverings, or be subject to environmental or physical damage.

P105.5 Extension cords. Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring. Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be affixed to structures, extended through walls, ceilings or floors, or under doors or

floor coverings, nor shall such cords be subject to environmental damage or physical impact. Extension cords shall be used only with portable appliances.

P105.5.1 Power supply. Extension cords shall be plugged directly into an approved receptacle, power tap or multiplug adapter and, except for approved multiplug extension cords, shall serve only one portable appliance.

P105.5.2 Ampacity. The ampacity of the extension cords shall not be less than the rated capacity of the portable appliance supplied by the cord.

P105.5.3 Maintenance. Extension cords shall be maintained in good condition without splices, deterioration or damage.

P105.5.4 Grounding. Extension cords shall be grounded when serving grounded portable appliances.

P105.6 Unapproved conditions. Open junction boxes and open-wiring splices shall be prohibited. Approved covers shall be provided for all switch and electrical outlet boxes.

P105.7 Appliances. Electrical appliances and fixtures shall be tested and listed in published reports of inspected electrical equipment by an approved agency and installed and maintained in accordance with all instructions included as part of such listing.

P105.8 Electrical motors. Electrical motors shall be maintained free from excessive accumulations of oil, dirt, waste and debris.

P105.9 Portable, electric space heaters. Where not prohibited by other sections of this code, portable, electric space heaters shall be permitted to be used in all occupancies and in accordance with Sections 500.9.1 through 500.9.4.

P105.9.1 Listed and labeled. Only listed and labeled portable, electric space heaters shall be used

P105.9.2 Power supply. Portable, electric space heaters shall be plugged directly into an approved receptacle.

P105.9.3 Extension cords. Portable, electric space heaters shall not be plugged into extension cords.

P105.9.4 Prohibited areas. Portable, electric space heaters shall not be operated within 3 feet (914 mm) of any combustible materials. Portable, electric space heaters shall be operated only in locations for which they are listed.

SECTION P106 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

P106.1 Compressed flammable/combustible gases. The manufacture of flora concentrates, oils or other derivatives involving the use of compressed flammable gas, flammable gas, flammable liquid, or combustible liquid as a solvent in a residential setting is prohibited.

P106.2 Carbon dioxide. The storage, use, and/or handling of carbon dioxide, and/or carbon dioxide systems shall be prohibited.

P106.3 Chemicals. Chemicals used in the growing or propagation of flora shall not be stored within the habitable areas of the residence. Chemicals stored on

the premises shall meet all applicable sections of Chapter 27, along with any other associated Chapter(s), given the chemical stored.

**SECTION P107
VENTILATION**

P107.1 General. Where injurious, toxic, irritating or noxious fumes, gases, dusts, molds, mildew or mists are generated as a result of flora grows or propagation, a local exhaust ventilation system shall be provided to remove the contaminating agent at the source. Air shall be exhausted to the exterior and not be recirculated to any space. Such systems shall be designed to meet the following:

1. Ensure odors from the grow or propagation are not detectable beyond the structure
2. Prevent mold, moisture, to otherwise protect the health and safety of persons residing in the residence
3. Meet any/all applicable requirements of the International Mechanical Code.

P107.2 Installation. All mechanical/ventilation equipment, wiring and appliances shall be properly installed by a Pikes Peak Regional Building Department licensed contractor.

P107.2.1 Permits. All required permits shall be obtained, and mechanical/ventilation equipment shall be maintained in a safe and approved manner at all times.

P107.3 Exhaust vents. Pipes, ducts, conductors, fans or blowers shall not discharge gases, steam, vapor, hot air, grease, smoke, odors or other gaseous or

particulate wastes directly upon abutting or adjacent public or private property or that of another tenant.

**SECTION P108
STRUCTURAL**

P108.1 Structural members. All structural members shall be maintained structurally sound, and be capable of supporting the imposed loads. Construction, alterations, removal, and/or modification of any structural members, floors, walls, ceilings, door and windows shall be in compliance with the International Residential Code, International Building Code and require a permit from the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final adoption and publication as provided by Charter.

Section 3. Council deems it appropriate that this ordinance be published by title and summary prepared by the City Clerk and that this ordinance be available for inspection and acquisition in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced, read, passed on first reading and ordered published this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Finally passed: _____
Council President

Mayor's Action:

- Approved on _____.
- Disapproved on _____, based on the following objections:

Mayor

Council Action After Disapproval:

- Council did not act to override the Mayor's veto.
- Finally adopted on a vote of _____, on _____.
- Council action on _____ failed to override the Mayor's veto.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk