

June 23, 2016

Colorado Springs City Council
107 North Nevada Avenue
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903

Re: Fire Code Amendment
Appendix P

Dear Council members,

As chairman of the Colorado Springs Fire Board of Appeals, I'm sending this letter asking you to formally adopt Appendix P.

On May 13, 2016 the Colorado Springs Fire Board reviewed Appendix P. The Colorado Springs Police and Fire Departments presented a picture slide/verbal presentation which was very informative. I'm assuming the same presentation has been or will be made to Council Members.

The passage of the State Amendment to allow the growing of Marijuana was done in great haste. By this statement, we are implying very little was done to insure the safety of the general public and the agencies that are tasked to protect our community. These agencies include the Health Department, Police Department, Fire Department, Regional Building and the Colorado Springs Utilities.

All of the agencies listed above and numerous others put their lives in jeopardy when they enter the premises of people, who purposely construct and operate grow facilities with no regard to current licensing, permitting and construction standards. As we all know, these operations pay for their construction activities in cash. So in most cases, no legitimate permits are pulled, which in turns means no inspections are done.

Fire Board Members asked numerous questions and were provided with very direct and enlighten responses. A motion was made to approve the Appendix P as written; said motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

Our intent wasn't to put these operations out of business, our intent was to protect. We ask that you consider and approve Appendix P.

Sincerely,



Roger J. Wallace, Chairman
Colorado Springs Fire Board of Appeals