# INTO THE WEEDS: CLEAR CREEK COUNTY'S RESOLUTION #2013-076

A resolution for the regulation and licensing of marijuana business establishments

- Amendment 64
- Passed in Colorado: 54.8%
- Passed in Clear Creek County: 64.0%
- Total County Population: 9,031 ('13 proj)
- AADT I-70 Traffic Count: ±40,000
- Limited Staff Resources
- Will become even more limited in near future

- Staff agreed early on to focus on the licensing procedure for marijuana regulation rather than zoning authority
- County already allowed medical establishments, by right, in certain commercial zoning districts.
- It was easy to continue with the momentum, allow retail establishments in same zoning districts, and provide for specific regulation in marijuana licensing procedure.

- Resolution #2013-076 was adopted on Sept. 24, 2013
- 1. Section 1.07 Dual Location of License Types
- 2. Section 1.08 Operation Limitations
- 3. Section 1.09 Prohibited Locations
- 4. Section 2.01 Establishment of Local Licensing Authority
- 5. Section 3.01/3.02 Medical Marijuana Licenses and Retail Marijuana Licenses

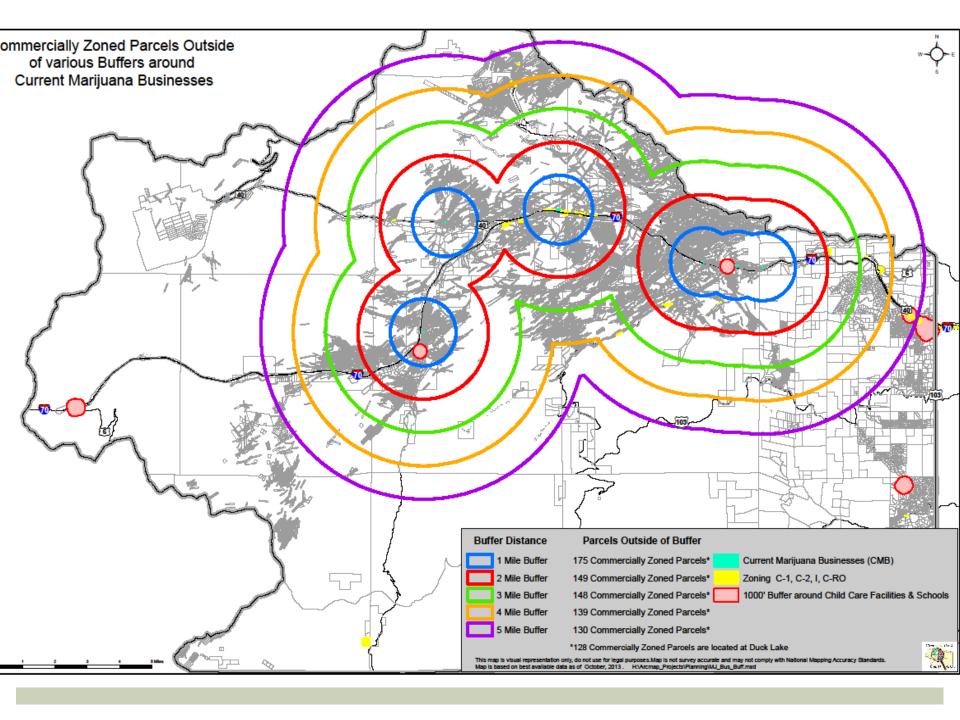
- 6. Section 3.03 A local license pursuant to these Regulations shall apply to a specific person, a particular Marijuana Establishment, and a specific Premises, and will not be transferrable to another person, a different Establishment, or different Premises except as provided by these Regulations.
- 7. "Conversion" requires a new license.
- 8. Section 4.03 Duration of Local Licenses: one (1) year

- Processing and Review Agencies
- 1. Building Official
- 2. Planning Department
- 3. Environmental Health Specialist
- 4. Site Development Coordinator
- 5. County Sheriff
- 6. Fire Authority

- Fees:
- \$1000 application fee (including renewals)
- \$75 license fee

- Section 1.08 Operation Limitations
- 1. All product storage shall be indoors. Products and accessories shall not be visible from a public sidewalk or right-of-way or adjacent property
- 2. Establishment shall be operated from a permanent location.
- 3. Indoor premises shall be ventilated so odor cannot be detected by a person with a normal sense of smell at exterior of the premises or adjoining use/property.
- 4. Restricted Hours: 8:00 am 9:00 pm
- 5. No use of metals, butane, propane, solvent/flammable product unless reviewed and verified safe and in compliance with applicable codes by a qualified industrial hygienist.

- Section 1.09 Prohibited Locations (for medical centers and retail stores only)
- 1. Within 1000' of a licensed child care center
- 2. Within 1000' of any school
- 3. Within 5 miles (yes, miles) of another medical marijuana center or retail store
- 4. No License may be issued to operate in a residential zone district as a "home occupation" as defined by Clear Creek County Zoning Regulations



## **LESSONS LEARNED**

Into the weeds

- Level of Interest Surprised us; especially for cultivation licenses:
- 1. Agricultural zoning district inadequate and awkward Remedy with Special Use Permit requirement
- 2. Time and effort: "It barely pays for itself"
- 3. Some difficulty synching with state licensing process