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Frequently Asked Questions

August 31, 2015 City Council Agenda Item 5 b.

Marijuana Legislation

Q. What is the purpose of this agenda item?

A. This item will appear on the Salem City Council meeting agenda for August 31, 2015. The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss with City Council recent legislation regarding recreational marijuana and options that Council has under the legislation and City ordinances to regulate and tax recreational marijuana. Although this is not a public hearing, the public can provide testimony on this or any other agenda item during the public comment period at the beginning of the Council meeting. The meeting agenda and a copy of the staff report for this item are available at this link: <http://www.cityofsalem.net/CouncilMeetingAgenda/Documents/339/5b.pdf>

Q. Will Council be making any final decisions at this meeting?

A. No. Council will provide direction for future policy action. Council would have to adopt ordinances or take other action for any regulations become final.

Q. Will Council be voting to ban the early sale of recreational marijuana?

A. No. However, Council will be asked whether they want to ban the early sale of recreational marijuana by medical marijuana dispensaries which could otherwise begin October 1, 2015. If so, action would be taken at the next Council meeting.

Q. Will Council be voting to ban the sale of recreational or medical marijuana?

A. No. However, as provided by recent legislation, Council could direct staff to prepare an ordinance to further regulate commercial marijuana activities.

Q. Is a ban on medical marijuana being proposed?

A. No.

Q. Would Council discussion have any effect on personal use of marijuana?

A. No. Personal use of marijuana for recreational use is not proposed for discussion on this agenda item.

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