

Official Questions on the City of Ypsilanti 2020 Marihuana Application

1. Does the March 4, 2020 4:00 PM deadline refer to receipt of the application by that time and date OR postmark of the application by that time and date? **The applications must be postmarked by March 4, 2020**
2. Is it only the 7 existing provisioning center facilities that can apply for a marihuana retailer permit for 2020? **Currently there are 7 existing facilities in the city. New applicants may apply for a marihuana retailer permit but there will be a preference on the existing 7 medical marihuana provisioning centers and they are doing so at their own risk. Application fees are non-refundable.**
3. If yes, then what happens when an applicant who is not one of the 7 facilities applies? Will that applicant be scored, published, weighed against the application from existing facilities? **Existing provisioning centers will not be scored against the new facilities.**
4. Since only 7 permits may be awarded, which includes 7 medical marihuana facilities, does this mean that the medical facility applicants will be reviewed and considered before non-medical facility applicants? That is, are medical facility applicants a priority for consideration of a permit? **Yes**
5. If a medical facility applicant is denied a permit or not all medical facilities apply for a permit (leaving room for additional permits to be issued in 2020), will the city review applicants who are not medical facilities, and award that applicant a 2020 permit? Will remaining 2020 licenses be unissued, or will other non-medical facility applicants be considered prior to 2021? **If one of the current medical marihuana provisioning centers does not receive a recreational permit, the city will evaluate the city policy and award new permits per city the policy.**
6. Is the city accepting, reviewing, and/or issuing applications for permits to be issued in 2021, and will those applicants be reviewed against those applying for a 2020 permit? How does that work? **No.**
7. If an applicant who is not currently licensed within the City of Ypsilanti, who finds a suitable property for the zoning and buffer requirements and is also pre-qualified for an adult-use application, assuming they score in the top 7 places based on review of the application package, when is the earliest they would be eligible for licensing by the City? **Once the city reviews and scores the applications notices will be sent out within 45 days of the deadline.**
8. What types of community benefits does this refer to? Is there an ordinance or other document that explains what community benefits Ypsilanti is interested in? **The city is utilizing the scoring rubric as an agreement for community benefits.**

9. Is the community benefits agreement entered into with the city of Ypsilanti, or with community organizations in Ypsilanti? **See above.**
10. Does "lawfully existing retailer" actually mean/refer to a lawfully existing medical marihuana provisioning center? **A lawfully existing retailer does not have anything to do with medical marihuana provisioning center unless the provisioning center applies for a recreational marihuana retailer license and is granted a permit.**
11. Does "lawfully existing retailer" refer to the medical marihuana provisioning centers/or others who would be awarded a 2020 permit? If so, wouldn't that mean that this provision is only applicable when applicants apply for a 2021 permit (i.e. when rec. retailers are already established - because obviously none will be lawfully existing by March 4 2020 (due date for app))? **See question 2.**
12. In the Zoning Chart, the distance requirement refers to 500 ft. "from marihuana facilities" - This is also ambiguous, where the ordinance itself states that retailers shall not be located 500 ft. from another retail rec. facility, not "marihuana facilities". Marihuana facilities could refer to a medical provisioning center, medical cultivation center, recreational retail center, etc. **The chart states "distance from marihuana facilities", however each section states similar or different uses and the only uses that have distance requirements from all marihuana facilities are microbusinesses and growing/processing facilities.**
13. Do you have to be pre-qualified if you are just applying for a micro-business license? Isn't the whole point of the micro-business that you shouldn't have to be pre-qualified under the MMFLA? **Yes all applicants are required to be prequalified to apply for any license.**
14. What are the parking requirements for each facility type? **Parking requirements vary by use, size of facility and location. For more information please review the city's zoning ordinance at www.cityofypsilanti.com/zoning**
15. Are existing medical provisioning centers required to complete the scoring rubric? **Yes, all documentation must be provided, and the rubric will be scored and published. However, the scoring will not affect the issuance of a permit for existing medical marihuana provisioning centers.**
16. How is the city reviewing the scoring rubric? : **Applicant must provide written documentation/plans detailing a commitment to the rubric items in order to obtain rubric points and have the application considered.**