

## **Official Questions and Answers for City of Ypsilanti 2021 Marihuana Facility Application**

1. The verbiage says that Ypsilanti is permitting 3 grows and 7 retailers... and right under that it says you have 3 grows and 7 retailers and lists their addresses. So, is the application permit for 7 more retailers or are all retail licenses taken?
  - a. The city's cap on facilities has changed to 10 retailers (3 social equity) and no cap on growing facilities.
  
2. If the applicant is a resident of the city, is there a time requirement for how long? (i.e. if they just moved there a month or so ago does that count?) Does their ID need to show the Ypsilanti address or would just providing proof of a lease in the city work?
  - a. There is no time requirement for residency in the city. If not in possession of identification indicating residency, a signed copy of a lease would act as verification.
  
3. Also, the ordinance states there cannot be any secondary use of the building. Would apartments above the building that operate independently be considered a secondary use?
  - a. For a microbusiness, grower/processor, safety compliance, or secure transporter, the mixture of uses with an apartment use within an entire building envelope may be allowed so long as there are no accessory uses within the subject use's building. Ultimately, the Planning Commission decides on special land uses in terms of compatibility with adjoining and neighboring uses. Appropriate safety and hazard mitigation techniques are strongly recommended. Please review the updated zoning ordinance.
  
4. There is a note on your information page about an application window, closing on 3/18/2021. It does not specify if that applies to all business types, or just storefront?
  - a. This window is for all business types.
  
5. The scoresheet indicates that cannabis businesses must be 51% owned by a Ypsilanti resident. Is this a current requirement and does it apply to all business types, or just storefronts?
  - a. It is not a requirement to be a city resident, it gives you more points. In your document explaining every section in the scoring rubric, you would need to state that you are not a resident.
  
6. I reached out to a broker about a specific industrial building for lease and he stated that Ypsilanti did not allow cannabis businesses. He was very acrimonious, so I'm not sure he was the right person to be getting my information from. Is Ypsilanti open to cannabis processors?
  - a. We allow marihuana businesses including processors. Many local units of government surrounding us do not.
  
7. Would the entity's chances of re-licensure be negatively impacted should this owner either divest a portion of the ownership or change residency following the City approval and MRA-licensed operation with the City of Ypsilanti?
  - a. The applications are reviewed annually, if the city resident/owner divested, it could impact the facility as the permit was scored according to that information.