



AGENDA
CITY OF CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, October 16, 2018- 6:00 PM
Council Chambers, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Inquiry Regarding Conflicts of Interest**
- 4. All Other Actions and Requests**
 - A. Opposition of Recreational Marijuana Resolution
- 5. Adjourn**

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CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL

All Other Actions and Requests

TITLE: Opposition of Recreational Marijuana Resolution

DATE: October 16, 2018

PRESENTED BY: Luther Kurtz, Mayor

BACKGROUND:

As a result of discussion introduced by John Haggard at the October 15th City Council Meeting, Council consented to deliberate the proposed resolution after obtaining further background information.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▣ Resolution 2018-10-04

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-10-04
RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE RECREATIONAL USE OF MARIJUANA

- WHEREAS,** proposals for the recreational use of marijuana are being placed on the ballot in communities across Michigan; and
- WHEREAS,** there is significant evidence demonstrating that non-medical or recreational use of marijuana has a profoundly negative impact on our youth, particularly teenagers; and
- WHEREAS,** *The National Institute on Drug Abuse* reports that one in six teens that use marijuana become addicted to its use; and
- WHEREAS,** *Monitoring the Future, 2017* reports that marijuana use increased to 24% among adolescents in 8th, 10th and 12th grades combined and one in ten 12th grade students vaped marijuana in the past year; and
- WHEREAS,** *Michigan Transportation Research Institute* reports that driving under the influence of marijuana is associated with an increased risk of car crashes, especially fatal crashes; marijuana driving related fatalities increased by 67% from 2007 to 2015. And from 2014 to 2015, it went up 20% in one year; and
- WHEREAS,** *MATFORCE, the Yavapai County Substance Abuse Coalition in Arizona* reports that drug related school expulsions spiked 45% in Colorado, a state which has legalized medical and recreational marijuana use, in the years after legalization; and
- WHEREAS,** *National Highway Traffic Association* reports that driving under the influence of marijuana is associated with an increased risk of car crashes, especially fatal crashes; and
- WHEREAS,** the University of Colorado, Denver reports that marijuana-impaired driver related fatalities have risen 114% in Colorado since that state legalized the use of marijuana; and
- WHEREAS,** *Join Together* reports that the active ingredient in marijuana, Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), has increased significantly from an average of 1% in 1970 to 30% in 2013, making today's marijuana an alarmingly more potent drug; and
- WHEREAS,** general marijuana use and possession is not permitted by federal and state law; and
- WHEREAS,** it is not possible to foresee and mitigate all the associated risks and impact to our communities through the recreational use of marijuana; and
- WHEREAS,** City of Charlevoix City Council recognizes the need to educate all sectors of our community regarding the dangers of non-medical marijuana use; and
- WHEREAS,** marijuana is now the number one reason kids enter treatment for substance abuse – more than alcohol, cocaine, heroin, meth, ecstasy, and other drugs combined; and
- WHEREAS,** increased consumption of marijuana would likely lead to higher public health and financial costs for society. Addictive substances like alcohol and tobacco already result in much higher social costs than the revenue they generate. The cost to society of alcohol alone is estimated to be more than 15 times the revenue gained by their taxation; and
- WHEREAS,** marijuana legalization would not eliminate the black market for the drug; and
- WHEREAS,** emergency room admissions for marijuana use now exceed those for heroin and are continuing to rise; the link between suicide and marijuana is strong, as are car accidents, including fatal crashes.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City of Charlevoix City Council is opposed to the legalization of marijuana for general use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Charlevoix City Council encourages others to oppose the recreational use of marijuana for general use including the adoption of similar resolutions in opposition to the general use of legalization of non-medical marijuana.

RESOLVED this 16th day of October, 2018 A.D.

Resolution was adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

Yeas:

Nays: