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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director
Legislative Policy Division Staff 

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RE: **MEMO REGARDING ADULT USE MARIJUANA RETAIL LOCATIONS HOURS OF OPERATION**

City Council Member Anegla Whitfield-Calloway has requested the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) to review any laws and regulations that restrict the hours of operation for adult-use marijuana establishments and determine whether the City of Detroit has the ability to implement such restrictions.

Marijuana facilities and retail establishments in Michigan are subject to the Marijuana Tracking Act¹ and the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act (MRTMA)² in addition to the administrative rules promulgated by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Marijuana Regulatory Agency.³ These laws and regulations cover an extensive range of requirements and standards regarding the operation of marijuana establishments, but do not specifically regulate hours of operation. However, within the MRTMA, the Michigan legislature provided that municipalities may adopt certain ordinances regulating marijuana establishments so long as those ordinances are not unreasonably impracticable and do not conflict with state law.⁴

¹ MCL 333.27901 *et seq.*

² MCL 333.27951 *et seq.*

³ R 420.1 to R 420.1004 - <https://www.michigan.gov/cra/-/media/Project/Websites/cra/Laws-Rules-Other-Resources/Marihuana-Rules---R-4201-to-R-4201004.pdf?rev=77ce1510042a4df6b14e2137e83bae7c&hash=948D9608E054CA1D508EC5A8886C0C8A>

⁴ MCL 333.27956.

Under the MRTMA, municipalities may adopt ordinances that “regulate the time, place, and manner of operation of marihuana establishments and of the production, manufacture, sale, or display of marihuana accessories.”⁵ Therefore, the City of Detroit is authorized by Michigan law to impose reasonable regulations regarding the operating hours for marijuana establishments.

Section 20-6-40 of the 2019 Detroit City Code sets forth the conditions for operation of medical marijuana facility and adult-use marijuana establishments licensed by the City. The Code provides the following regarding operating hours for marijuana establishments:

(6) Operating hours for provisioning centers, retailer establishments, and microbusinesses shall not exceed the hours between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. daily. Designated consumption establishments may operate between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. daily;⁶

These limitations on hours of operation apply to all marijuana establishments operating in the City, and failure to comply with these requirements may result in license suspension or revocation.

Please contact our office if you require any further assistance with this matter.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ The Legislative Policy Division is not aware of any designated marijuana consumption establishments licensed and operating within the City of Detroit as of the date of this report.