

# MARIJUANA BUSINESS

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## 11.15.9105 Marijuana Business

(A) The purpose of this section is to protect and preserve the public health, safety and general welfare of the community by establishing restrictions on the siting and operation of Marijuana Businesses. The nature, extent, scope, and operation of Marijuana Businesses is authorized and prescribed by state law and administrative rule, not by this or any other County ordinance or act. No County ordinance or other act shall be interpreted as authorizing any person to engage in any activity prohibited by law nor shall any County ordinance or other act be applied in any manner that would authorize any person to engage in any activity prohibited by law. Accordingly, this section, through Table A and the other provisions of this section, imposes restrictions on the establishment and operation of Marijuana Businesses and does not constitute a separate source of authority for the establishment and operation of Marijuana Businesses. Nothing in this section regulates the personal use of marijuana.

(B) In construing this section, including the definitions of the terms given in paragraph (C), related provisions of state law and administrative rule provide relevant context.

(C) The following definitions apply to this section and to the implementation of this section through other provisions of the Multnomah County Code.

(1) The term “Marijuana Business” and its derivations means an enterprise authorized by state law involving medical or recreational marijuana production, medical or recreational marijuana processing, recreational marijuana wholesaling, medical marijuana dispensing, or retailing of recreational marijuana. Nothing in this section authorizes collocation of medical and recreational enterprises beyond that allowed under state law.

(2) The term “Outdoor Production” means producing marijuana:

(a) In an expanse of open or cleared ground; or

(b) In a greenhouse, hoop house or similar non-rigid structure that does not utilize any artificial lighting on mature marijuana plants, including but not limited to electrical lighting sources.

(3) The term “Indoor Production” means producing marijuana in any manner:

(a) Utilizing artificial lighting on mature marijuana plants; or

(b) Other than “outdoor production,” as that is defined in this section.

(D) A proposal for establishing, altering, expanding or replacing a Marijuana Business will be reviewed as specified in Table A below and is subject to the specified criteria therein as well as the criteria set forth in paragraph E of this section. For purposes of MCC 11.15.8810, a proposal for the

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alteration or expansion of an existing building or structure by more than 400 square feet of floor area or ground coverage, or for replacement of a building or structure shall be deemed to have a greater adverse impact on the neighborhood. Where no review process for a particular Marijuana Business in a particular zoning district is specified in Table A, the Marijuana Business may not operate in that zoning district.

**Table A: Chapter 11.15**

X = Not Allowed

Zoning District	Marijuana Production	Marijuana Processing	Marijuana Wholesaling	Marijuana Dispensing or Retailing
(CFU zones) CFU CFU-1 CFU-2 CFU-3 CFU-4 CFU-5	Outdoor Production only 11.15.2048(C)	X	X	X
EFU	11.15.2008(A)	X	X	X
RR	Indoor Production only and the total combined footprint of the Marijuana Business shall not exceed 2,500 square feet. 11.15.2208(A)	X	X	X
RC	Indoor Production only 11.15.2248(A)	11.15.2252(B)(4)	11.15.2252(B)(3)	11.15.2252(B)(1)
UF-20	11.15.2386(B)	11.15.2390(B)(2)	X	X
All Other Zoning Districts	X	X	X	X

(E) A Marijuana Business is required to meet the criteria referenced in Table A and must comply with the following:

(1) A Marijuana Business shall be located a minimum of 1,000 feet from a public or private school.

(a) The measurement in the Exclusive Farm Use zone shall be made using a straight line extending horizontally from the closest school property line to the closest part of any canopy area or building or structure used for

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marijuana production or marijuana processing.

- (b) The measurement in all other zoning districts shall be made using a straight line extending horizontally from the closest point anywhere on the property line of the Marijuana Business property to the closest school property line.

(2) Outdoor marijuana canopies, buildings and structures used for indoor or outdoor marijuana production, and buildings and structures used for marijuana processing shall be located at least 100 feet from any property line, unless an adjustment or variance is approved. The distance shall be measured using a straight line extending horizontally from the closest part of the canopy area or building or structure used for marijuana production or marijuana processing to the closest property line. This 100 foot setback does not apply to a building or structure, or portion thereof, lawfully established within 100 feet of a property line prior to January 1, 2016.

(3) All Marijuana Business buildings must be equipped with an air filtration system designed and verified by an Oregon licensed mechanical engineer to ensure no marijuana odor at property lines. The system must be operated and maintained in the manner designed and instructed by the Oregon licensed mechanical engineer. Doors and windows shall remain closed, except for the minimum length of time needed for ingress to or egress from the building. The air filtration system requirement does not apply to a building used as part of outdoor production.

(4) A Marijuana Business in a Rural Residential (RR) zoning district shall not produce or permit to be produced sound that is detectable at the property line. A Marijuana Business in all other zoning districts shall comply with the county Sound Control Law, MCC 15.265 – 15.274. A Marijuana Business is not eligible for a variance as prescribed in MCC 15.271 of the county Sound Control Law.

(5) During the period commencing 30 minutes before sunset and ending 30 minutes after sunrise the following day, artificial lighting shall not be visible from outside a building or structure used for marijuana production.

(6) With respect to the establishment, alteration, expansion or replacement of a Marijuana Business supported by a building or other structure, MCC 11.15.6400 through MCC 11.15.6429 (Significant Environmental Concern) shall not apply to a building or structure lawfully established prior to January 1, 2016, but shall apply to all other buildings and structures in a Significant Environmental Concern subdistrict. The farm use exception in MCC 11.15.6406(A) from Significant Environmental Concern permit requirements shall apply only to marijuana production in the Exclusive Farm Use Zoning District and shall not apply to a Marijuana Business in any other instance.

(7) Fences, walls or other barriers:

- (a) Shall be limited in area by being located no more than 20-feet in any direction from the outer extent of all areas used for Marijuana Business activities, including but not limited to buildings, structures, outdoor marijuana canopies, and areas used for off-street parking, loading, and storage.

- (b) Shall not be electrified, use barbed wire, razor wire, concertina coils, anti-climb spikes or any other similar security feature designed to discourage ingress through the potential of causing bodily harm.
- (c) Shall not include plastic sheeting, knitted polyethylene, woven polypropylene, vinyl coated polyester, or similar materials.
- (d) No variance, adjustment, deviation or any other modification to these fencing standards is allowed.

(8) No more than one of each of the following Marijuana Businesses may be established on the same Lot of Record.

- (a) Marijuana production
- (b) Marijuana processing
- (c) Marijuana wholesaling
- (d) Marijuana retailing
- (e) Marijuana dispensary.

(9) The following uses are not allowed as a Home Occupation: Marijuana Business, private or public research of cannabis, or laboratory for the testing of marijuana items.

(10) Notwithstanding ORS chapters 195, 196, 197 and 215, the following are not permitted uses:

- (a) A new dwelling used in conjunction with a marijuana crop.
- (b) A farm stand, as described in ORS 215.213(1)(r) or 215.283(1)(o), used in conjunction with a marijuana crop.
- (c) A commercial activity, as described in ORS 215.213(2)(c) or ORS 215.283(2)(a), carried on in conjunction with a marijuana crop.