

PETITION TO REGULATE MARIJUANA IN YAMHILL COUNTY

DEAR NEIGHBORS

We are asking you to **Sign this Petition NOW** to protect our public health and safety, quality of life, our surface and groundwater, our environment, and property values by requesting the Yamhill County Commissioners to implement medical and recreational Marijuana Time, Place and Manner Regulations (TPM).

NOTE: You can sign this petition whether you live in Yamhill County or not.

By State law, Commissioners have local authority to regulate marijuana; *however*, Yamhill County Commissioners have not done so, bringing many public safety risks to our community.

Almost every other County in Oregon has adopted sensible Marijuana Time, Place and Manner (TPM) Safety Regulations.

RISKS

Although Marijuana was legalized in Oregon in 2014, it is still a federally illegal drug. Because of this, the Oregon Legislature implemented **House Bill 3400**, giving local jurisdictions the legal authority to adopt TPM Marijuana Regulations to control potential community impacts.

A majority of Yamhill County citizens **opposed** recreational marijuana production, processing, wholesaling, and retailing anywhere in the County in a 2014 vote - **18,720-NO and 18,660-YES**. At that time, Yamhill County Commissioners decided not to adopt TPM Regulations, but rather **opted to “just wait and see”** and use the County Site Design Review process to manage impacts in our EFU-20, -40, and -80 acre zones.

The “wait and see” approach might have seemed logical at the time, but it left Yamhill County residents vulnerable to significant **public health** and **safety impacts, livability issues, wildfire risks, major wildlife / environmental damage** and **financial impacts to property values**.

Currently Yamhill County **DOES NOT** require:

1. **Carbon filters:** for indoor grows, overwhelming communities with a skunky **odor** that drifts for miles.
2. **Setbacks:** for outdoor marijuana grows to limit odors from neighboring property owners. For example, Clackamas County has a 100’ setback from all property lines for all outdoor grows.
3. **Minimum lot size:** on which marijuana can be produced or processed, allowing marijuana to be grown and chemically processed on small EFU lots.
4. **Marijuana extraction chemical processing:** to be restricted to industrial zones only, putting neighboring property owners at risk of fires, often with **no** close **fire suppression** or **TVFR inspections**.

5. **Easement road:** written permission from surrounding neighbors who use the same road, providing no say on increased traffic on narrow rural roads.
6. **A LIMIT on Oregon Liquor & Cannabis Commission (OLCC) Recreational Marijuana or Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Medical Marijuana licenses per tract of land:** Limiting licenses to 1 per parcel is important to keep EFU farmlands from being industrialized. For example, in Clackamas County a marijuana producer received approval for 60 metal ag buildings on a 20-acre parcel, poured 60' x 100' cement slabs, and leased them out to many different OLCC or OHA licensed growers.
7. **Control of greenhouse lighting:** from 7:00 pm-7:00 am, impacting night skies and subjecting neighboring properties to all-night stadium-type lighting.
8. **Exterior lighting:** restrictions on lighting directed skyward or outside the boundaries of the property.
9. **Noise control:** limiting sound to 30 dB or 50 dB at the property line, thus allowing marijuana growers to use large commercial fans and generators in their greenhouses and buildings and keep neighbors awake at night.
10. **Permits for Water use:** for marijuana production, so limited water availability, impact to underground or surface water, or requiring hauling in of water from a local supplier is not addressed.
11. **Fencing restrictions:** so fencing could be over 10' with barbed wire or other barriers, concertina coils, or anti-climb spikes.
12. **Security cameras:** restrictions assuring that cameras are not monitoring their neighbors.

COMMISSION & STAFF WORK SESSION

Our Marijuana TPM Regulation Committee has been working with Yamhill County Commissioners regarding the importance of establishing Marijuana TPM Regulations for the County. Chair Starrett agreed to hold a public work session of the Commissioners and staff on this topic. **The Board and Staff work session is scheduled for:**

DATE: Thursday, December 9th, 2021

TIME: 10:00am Board Of Commissioner (BOC) Business Mtg followed by the Work Session Mtg

NOTE: Due to Covid attending BOC Business Mtg or Work Session Mtg are not allowed, but can be viewed via live stream at: <https://www.co.yamhill.or.us/meetings>

Once on this site, go to the date and time of the Board of Commissioners Formal/Informal Session meeting. You will see the agenda for the day, any packet information, and a link to video. Once on the video, you will see a live link to view the meeting. **If you have problems viewing this site, call: 503-434-7501**

PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION NOW

We need to **urge the County Commissioners to regulate the marijuana industry** to minimize significant impacts that we are already experiencing, such as fire, loss of water, noxious odors, and air quality impacts on neighbors. Make your voice heard on **the need** to establish medical & recreational marijuana regulations. **Link to Petition: <https://chng.it/fpCs7h896z>**