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**Subject:** Memo re: Permits and Licensing for Medical Marijuana Use

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see attached memo as an update from Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas on the City's permits and licensing program for medical marijuana-related uses.

The following key points should be noted:

- The first Compassion Club business licence has been issued;
- One of the locations in the first round of 17 injunctions has closed; another will close at the end of this month;
- The City expects some injunction respondents to challenge the constitutionality of the City's permits and licencing program

Please reach out to Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,

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## MEMORANDUM

July 7, 2016

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**FROM:** Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas  
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**SUBJECT:** Permits And Licensing For Medical Marijuana-related Uses

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This memorandum provides an update on the City's permits and licensing program for medical marijuana-related retail uses.

### 1. The First Compassion Club Business Licence Has Been Issued

The first business licence in the Compassion Club category has been issued to Urban Earth Med Society at 1605 Renfrew Street. Compassion Club licencees must be operated by a registered society, may only serve their members, and must provide complimentary health services on site.

### 2. The City's Injunction Requests May Result In Constitutional Challenges

The first round of 17 petitions seeking injunctions have been served on the medical marijuana-related use (MMRU) operators and landlords. Legal Services has received responses to the petitions from most of those served. One of the served MMRUs has closed voluntarily

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and one will be closing at the end of the month when its lease expires. Another two locations have indicated that they will close voluntarily this fall.

Some responses received indicate that the MMRUs are planning to challenge whether the City's use of the Licence Bylaw for this purpose is within the City's jurisdiction and the constitutionality of the City's permits and licensing system.

### **3. Ten More Injunctions To Be Filed Next Week**

Affidavits for the next ten injunction applications are being sworn this week and will be filed next week. The injunction applications will then be sent out for service and the named parties will have 21 days to respond.

### **4. Non-Compliant Stores Remain Open and Continue To Be Ticketed**

At present, 33 stores are closed in response to the April 29, 2016 closure deadline. Inspections and ticketing continue at the remaining 53 locations still operating beyond their closure deadline. As of June 14, 2016, 423 bylaw violation tickets have been issued and 82 have been paid.

### **5. Development Permit Processing Continues; 12 Approved Locations**

Twelve development permits have been issued under the zoning regulations adopted in June 2015, and another 13 full development permit applications are either under review. The locations of issued permits and licences are shown on a map at [vancouver.ca/medical-marijuana-business](http://vancouver.ca/medical-marijuana-business)



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