

**Chat Comments from Adult-Use Marijuana Teleconference
December 17, 2020**

from Brandon Harrison to everyone: 10:10 AM

Yes,

from William Hopkins to everyone: 10:12 AM

We these draft rules developed solely by DHS or was there any other stakeholder input prior to this meeting?

from Aly Piscatelli to everyone: 10:13 AM

what is the timeline for making these a permanent rules? will there be another public comment meeting?

from 177 569 1758 to everyone: 10:13 AM

Will the draft rules be submitted to the Legislature for input and authorities?

from Chris Burd to everyone: 10:14 AM

Will AZDHS regulate pesticide use?

from Kyla Norton to everyone: 10:14 AM

There is background music from someone. Thank you everyone for being here today.

from Geoff Balon to everyone: 10:15 AM

Will the comment period be extended at all? It ends today.

from Ryan Hurley to everyone: 10:16 AM

Will d

from Glenn Gimbut to everyone: 10:16 AM

In addition to pesticide there are a host of environmental concerns from using volatile gases and chemicals to dust and odor control. Will this be addressed?

from Jon Udell to everyone: 10:16 AM

I have a comment on this topic

from Kyla Norton to everyone: 10:16 AM

Chris Burd send me an email I can send you current law on testing. To prepare for the adult use testing needs. kyla@csaaz.org

from Ryan Hurley to everyone: 10:16 AM

Will DHS accept the old MMJ local jurisdiction zoning authorization form for the open county licenses? If not when will the new form be available.?

from Jason Adelstone to everyone: 10:17 AM

I have 2 questions for this county topic.

from Carsten to everyone: 10:18 AM

. If any person has a medical marijuana agent card or facility agent card the card holder should be allowed to work at ANY facility - so NO multiple charges for background checks should be requested !!

from Carsten to everyone: 10:18 AM

any employee should provide to the employer of the marijuana establishment a Level 1

Fingerprint Clearance card - this should be sufficient to be eligible for the agent facility card!

this is sufficient for any person working in a school or in a security company and should be the same for any marijuana establishment.

from 177 569 1758 to everyone: 10:18 AM

Are there medical marijuana licenses that have been issued for years yet are not being facilitated (in use). That can be reallocated in the Recreational marijuana license availability?
from Bob Purcell to everyone: 10:18 AM

Is there a list of counties with less than 2 dispensaries available?

from Angela Romeo to everyone: 10:18 AM

Which counties are the empty counties?

from Jason Adelstone to everyone: 10:19 AM

I have 2 questions for this topic

from Aly Piscatelli to everyone: 10:19 AM

how can find out what the empty counties are ? and what businesses already exist state wide

from Chris Burd to everyone: 10:20 AM

Will out of state employees be able to apply for a Facility Agent License?

from Michael Peyron to everyone: 10:20 AM

Will any Medical Marijuana Licenses be issued to applicants awarded a License to operate in counties with out Medical Dispensary? or Will DHS allocate seperately for Medical Licenses in the future?

from Jason Adelstone to everyone: 10:21 AM

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from 177 569 1758 to everyone: 10:21 AM

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from Tamie Aguilera to everyone: 10:22 AM

Can you repeat the answer to the question regarding if you plan to consider a more merit based selection system for licenses?

from 177 569 1758 to everyone: 10:22 AM

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from Bob Purcell to everyone: 10:22 AM

which counties?

from Shawn Short to everyone: 10:22 AM

Which counties have fewer than 2 but more than 1 dispensary? Which counties have zero dispensaries?

from Dillon Gross to everyone: 10:22 AM

To be clear, if we file an early application, we are expected to spend \$27,500 on a random chance of getting a license?

from Shawn Short to everyone: 10:23 AM

What would cause that to change?

from Aly Piscatelli to everyone: 10:23 AM

but then how do we know where to apply? we need to secure a location to apply

from Brandon Harrison to everyone: 10:23 AM

How many licenses will be posted altogether?

from Bob Purcell to everyone: 10:23 AM

do you have to be a patient to access the portal?

from Shawn Short to everyone: 10:23 AM

How do we secure a location if we can't verify the counties? The application goes live in 30 days.

from William Hopkins to everyone: 10:25 AM

On January 19 individuals will be able apply for Facility Agent License. Will you have that form posted on January 19 and will you have the procedure for getting FCC (fingerprints) and will there be specific suppliers that will provide fingerprint services? I am speaking about NEW people applying for Facility Agent License that are seeking employment. The \$500.00 also seems a little steep for someone seeking employment in the industry.

from Geoff Balon to everyone: 10:25 AM

Do the licenses issued to early applicants count against the total number of licenses allowed to be issued by DHS? For example, if 130 licenses available, and 110 early applicants apply and are given a ME license, will there be 20 left to be given out?

from Shawn Short to everyone: 10:25 AM

Is any part of the \$25,000 fee refundable?

from 177 569 1758 to everyone: 10:27 AM

As to the question concerning unused medical marijuana licenses that have been issued by DHS yet not used by the applicant. Why would they not be put back into the lottery for Recreational marijuana application since the medical marijuana applicant license holder has failed to facilitate a State issued license?

from Melinda to everyone: 10:27 AM

How much of the \$25k is refundable if the license is not granted?

from Jeff to everyone: 10:28 AM

I agree that is a very high non refundable fee that is keeping this market with high barriers

from Ryan Wilson to everyone: 10:29 AM

I am curious what the reason is for taking that position?

from Lauren Merrett to everyone: 10:29 AM

Will there be a requirement for owners, managers and employees to take a "training course" similar to Title 4 liquor law training as part of the application/licensing process?

from Sara Gullickson to everyone: 10:29 AM

So, in the next 6 months there will be 1. Medical Licenses Allocated 2. Recreational Licenses Allocated and 3. Social Equity Licenses Allocated, correct?

from Bob Purcell to everyone: 10:30 AM

comment: we need clarity on licenses available per county in order to apply

from 177 569 1758 to everyone: 10:30 AM

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from Shawn Short to everyone: 10:32 AM

Will you make public the # of applications submitted per county? A 50% chance of winning a lottery is very different from a 2% chance of winning a lottery, especially when we are required to put up a minimum of \$25,000.

from Bridget to everyone: 10:34 AM

I agree, should be partial to Arizona residents

from Melinda to everyone: 10:35 AM

I agree

from Chris Burd to everyone: 10:35 AM

I think people should be able to move to Arizona to explore this industry

from Jeff to everyone: 10:35 AM

Must have been an arizona resident at the time voted

from Bob Purcell to everyone: 10:35 AM

comment: length of residency should be a part of the merit scoring

from William Hopkins to everyone: 10:35 AM

Arizona Residency should be required for all applying for Facility Agent License.

from Jennifer Slothower to everyone: 10:35 AM

Prop 207 was passed by AZ residents. It should be a requirement for application.

from Bob Purcell to everyone: 10:35 AM

comment: issuance should be merit based, not random

from Tamie Aguilera to everyone: 10:35 AM

AZ residents should have the first option - just for the record.

from Shawn Short to everyone: 10:36 AM

Random lottery must be removed to justify 25,000 fee

from Bob Purcell to everyone: 10:36 AM

comment: more specifically, length of AZ residency should be a part of the merit scoring

from Jon Udell to everyone: 10:36 AM

Again, I would recommend at least letting these applicants become dual licensees. The process in A.R.S. § 36-2803.01 would take some uncertainty out of the equation and ensure licensees do not face too much competition when ADHS is forced to issue a dispensary registration certificate for the counties that lack one.

from William Hopkins to everyone: 10:36 AM

Without residency requirement for Facility Agent Licenses, we will be inundated with applicants from California, Oregon, Washington, and Colorado. Unfair.

from Shawn Short to everyone: 10:36 AM

Applications must be scored by an independent body

from Brandon Harrison to everyone: 10:36 AM

I agree

from Bob Purcell to everyone: 10:37 AM

comment: merit criteria should prioritize current non-MM license holders over current MM holders

from Chris Burd to everyone: 10:38 AM

Facility Agent Licenses should be able to be applied for from out of state employees that work part time or seasonally.

from Jennifer Slothower to everyone: 10:38 AM

For the record I am in support of the \$25k application fee, even in light of the random nature.

from Bob Purcell to everyone: 10:38 AM

comment: \$500 seems excessive for an agent license and may exclude low-income demographic from working in the industry

from Jeff to everyone: 10:39 AM

For the record, I think the random selection is fair, if this turns to a "merit", it starts to lean toward giving the millionaires first pick.

from William Hopkins to everyone: 10:39 AM

What about NEW applicants for Facility Agent License?

from Mason Cave to everyone: 10:39 AM

What about special use permits, business licenses, etc that cities require as part of their zoning and use?

from Bob Purcell to everyone: 10:40 AM

comment: combination of \$25,000 application fee and the random selection, makes this a lottery for the rich. \$25,000 is ok if merit based.

from 177 569 1758 to everyone: 10:41 AM

Exactly how many Recreational marijuana license will be available in the lottery?

from steven to everyone: 10:42 AM

I understand a new local jurisdiction approval form will be provided. Will a local jurisdiction form that was provided in 2016 as part of a medical application be accepted, or must I submit the new form?

from Amy St John to everyone: 10:42 AM

Will the license number for our Adult use license be different than our MMJ dispensary license?

If not, this is a suggestion that they match for the dual licensees since the facility license number is required on the patient label as is the medical marijuana license number. Most of our POS systems have our license number built in for all compliance with transactions, wholesale, and labels. If they were two separate numbers, this could be a logistical nightmare switching between two license numbers at the same physical location.

from William Hopkins to everyone: 10:42 AM

Rob Purcell I completely agree with your comments on fees. As a Libertarian Party county and state committeeperson we should have no fees beyond the cost to process. The government should not be making money off of fees.

from Ann Torrez to everyone: 10:43 AM

Will dual license producers have to provide 2 labels - med and adult use

from Jennifer Slothower to everyone: 10:43 AM

Question. For Rec sales, is there a customer label that needs to applied post sale (like it currently is in current medical)

from Aly Piscatelli to everyone: 10:44 AM

or we pay the full fee IF you get the license. They need to collect a fee but 25K is high for a lottery. 25K would be fine if it was based off of scoring

from Ann Torrez to everyone: 10:44 AM

Will dual license producers have to provide 2 labels - med and adult use

from Kyla Norton to everyone: 10:44 AM

Will medical and recreational product be separate and labeled separate?

from Aly Piscatelli to everyone: 10:44 AM

I am sure it will be. It is impossible to track otherwise. I would suspect separate inventory and separate transactions. I dont know any states that are not separate

from Michael Peyron to everyone: 10:44 AM

Does a currently approved and operating site need to get a local jurisdiction Document to become a Dual licensee?

from Michael Peyron to everyone: 10:45 AM

does the product or the exit bag need to be child proof?

from Bob Purcell to everyone: 10:45 AM

question: when will the list of available counties / licenses be available? understand that it may change but it needs to be available and kept up to date.

from Chris Burd to everyone: 10:45 AM

Will a track and trace system similar to METRC be used?

from Chris Burd to everyone: 10:46 AM

seed to sale tracking should be implemented

from Roxanna Pitones to everyone: 10:47 AM

Will ADHS determine a process for notifying the local jurisdiction zoning authority and/or law enforcement if and when ADHS has terminated a dispensary license or a marijuana establishment license of an individual or entity operating in the local jurisdiction?

from Kyla Norton to everyone: 10:47 AM

Your audio cut out CC Ann

from Chris Burd to everyone: 10:48 AM

AZ residency should not be required to apply.

from Chris Burd to everyone: 10:49 AM

agreed delivery should be allowed

from Jennifer Slothower to everyone: 10:49 AM

Comment. I would like to request that ADHS verify the authenticity of the zoning approvals with the municipality once an application is submitted. We want transparency and integrity in the application process.

from Amy St John to everyone: 10:51 AM

The initiative allows for delivery implementation in 2023

from 177 569 1758 to everyone: 10:53 AM

What provisions are there that would prohibit a State License DHS Recreational marijuana license from being sold for millions to another Medical marijuana or Recreational Marijuana license holder?

from Julie Kriegh to everyone: 10:53 AM

the prop allows local jurisdictions to regulate delivery before ADHS establishes rules, so if the locality establishes rules it is allowed, correct?

from Jon Udell to everyone: 10:53 AM

Good question.

from Lindsay Cokeley to everyone: 10:57 AM

I would like to know what the intent of draft R9-18-315 (B) (5) (b) which states: "If preparation of packaging of marijuana is done in a building, a designated area for the preparation or packaging that: (b) Is only used for the preparation or packaging of marijuana.

from Bridget to everyone: 10:57 AM

I agree, the \$500 agent fee is excessive

from Chris Burd to everyone: 10:57 AM

The fee should be smaller for a marijuana facility license because this is too large a fee for a seasonally cannabis cultivation worker, it will push labor opportunities into other agriculture
from Jon Udell to everyone: 10:58 AM

In light of the comment about sticking to application comments here, I will only suggest in this chatbox a clarification that for dual licensees, the edible potency limitations only apply to recreational consumers. Registered qualifying patients rely on high-potency edibles to safely consume adequate quantities of their medicine. My understanding of Prop. 207 is that it only imposes a potency limitation for recreational sales.

from Jennifer Slothower to everyone: 10:58 AM

\$500 agent license fee is too expensive and not reflective of actual cost to produce the license.

from Melinda to everyone: 10:59 AM

Please clarify the \$500,000 cash requirement

from steven to everyone: 10:59 AM

second that,

from Jeff to everyone: 10:59 AM

Have we as a noted as a suggestion that the 25k is too high and should be considered to lower for lottery then the winners can pay the 25k?

from Kyla Norton to everyone: 11:00 AM

Jon Udell I would love to discuss edibles and potency with you more. Question for you- How many of the 100 mg THC packages can a consumer purchase in one transaction?

kyla@csaaz.org

from Ann Torrez to everyone: 11:01 AM

Can we look at the requirement for proof of funds? It is difficult to start a bank account with \$500K in an bank

from Tamie Aguilera to everyone: 11:01 AM

Please clarify the \$500,000 requirement

from Bridget to everyone: 11:01 AM

I agree

from Melinda to everyone: 11:01 AM

I agree

from Tamie Aguilera to everyone: 11:01 AM

Thank you!

from 177 569 1758 to everyone: 11:01 AM

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from Melinda to everyone: 11:02 AM

I 2nd that

from Shawn Short to everyone: 11:02 AM

Yes, especially in a lottery system

from Jeff to everyone: 11:02 AM

agree

from Ann Torrez to everyone: 11:02 AM

Can you talk about the proof of funds

from steven to everyone: 11:02 AM
 suggestions, \$500k POF requirement is too high, I own a licenad cannabis dispensary in cali
 and I did it on a much smaller budget

from Angela Romeo to everyone: 11:03 AM
 I second the POF requirement

from Jeff to everyone: 11:03 AM
 agree that \$500k should be lower. Even more of an issue because these are rural license

from Jeff to everyone: 11:03 AM
 Give people from these communities a chance

from K Prince to everyone: 11:04 AM
 Can you advise where we may find detailed marketing parameters for adult use? Thank you.

from Amy St John to everyone: 11:04 AM
 Can a cultivation and manufacturing site be at two different physical addresses or do they need
 to be at one location

from steven to everyone: 11:04 AM
 the \$500k POF requirement sets the bar too high for small business owners

from Bob Purcell to everyone: 11:05 AM
 question: does the exact address need to be determined at the time of application?

from Jennifer Slothower to everyone: 11:05 AM
 Can minors enter the physical building, so long as facility agent checks age verification before
 point of sale?

from cc ann to everyone: 11:06 AM
 for the initial application, when will a "department provided format" be available for property
 ownership, bank letter, etc.?

from Jeff to everyone: 11:06 AM
 Instead of an address could we identify a general location allowing so that we dont lock
 ourselves in and also would not increase application costs that are already very high

from Bob Purcell to everyone: 11:07 AM
 comment: make final address allowed to be specificied after award of license, otherwise
 additional upfront investment required without knowing if will get license.

from Jennifer Slothower to everyone: 11:07 AM
 Can a marijuana product be stored in a non-moveable locked container (ie: a sample on a sales
 floor?) and still be considered compliant?

from Bridget to everyone: 11:07 AM
 It is ridiculous to expect someone to own or lease a building prior to knowing if we are going to
 be granted a license!

from Jeff to everyone: 11:07 AM
 agreed

from Ryan Wilson to everyone: 11:08 AM
 I would like to know when those conversations are starting to happen

from Kyla Norton to everyone: 11:08 AM
 Comment: May the Department please consider a meeting specifically for Social Equity
 Applications? If possible.

from Bob Purcell to everyone: 11:10 AM

Comment: do not allow the transfer of the license if the business is sold, require new owner to apply

from William Hopkins to everyone: 11:11 AM

Will all comments in this chat be saved and reviewed by DHS?

from Chris Burd to everyone: 11:11 AM

Pesticide use and enforcement on cannabis cultivation should be clearly defined in the next draft. A list of approved pesticides that may be used on cannabis should be released.

from Kyla Norton to everyone: 11:11 AM

Comment: Please consider a meeting specifically for Adult Use Testing Facilities, rules and agents.

from Angela Romeo to everyone: 11:13 AM

Comment: request for a specific Social Equity rules call

from Ryan Wilson to everyone: 11:14 AM

i agree

from Bridget to everyone: 11:14 AM

I agree

from Tamie Aguilera to everyone: 11:15 AM

Will applications be reviewed by a person to make sure that they meet all the requirements before accepted?

from Jeff to everyone: 11:17 AM

^please answer

from Amy St John to everyone: 11:17 AM

Many towns and ordinances have anticipated this and town councils have already voted yes or no for adult use. Example- Sahuarita will not allow any adult use licenses (except for the dual license of mmj dispensary already there). Town of Nogales has voted no adult use in their town limits.

from steven to everyone: 11:18 AM

I am a prior applicant of an AZ medical marijuana application from 2016 (one which was complete, but not a winning application). I understand that a new local jurisdiction approval form will be provided. Will a local jurisdiction form that was provided in 2016 as part of a medical application be accepted, or must I submit the new form?

from Ryan Wilson to everyone: 11:18 AM

Agree

from Ryan Wilson to everyone: 11:19 AM

can we keep the comment form open longer than today?

from steven to everyone: 11:19 AM

^ I agree

from Kyla Norton to everyone: 11:21 AM

Have all comments in the chat been noted?

from Bob Purcell to everyone: 11:21 AM

Comment: selection should be merit based with clearly defined criteria to benefit AZ and the communities

from Blake Hamor to everyone: 11:21 AM

How soon do we anticipate applications to start getting approved?

from Ryan Wilson to everyone: 11:21 AM
Id like to see it kept open for an additional 24 hours please
from Anthony Wright to everyone: 11:22 AM
I am just tuning in to this call. Is there a way for us to watch this again?
from Chris Burd to everyone: 11:23 AM
Will Arizona Department of AG have any authority over cannabis pesticide use?
from Ryan Wilson to everyone: 11:23 AM
perfect, thank you for clarifying that
from William Hopkins to everyone: 11:23 AM
Does this include chat comments?
from Chris Burd to everyone: 11:25 AM
Medical and Recreational sales should be allowed within the same brick and mortar location
from Tamie Aguilera to everyone: 11:25 AM
Thank you for all of your help and clarification.
from Ryan Wilson to everyone: 11:27 AM
I think there needs to be a townhall to gather input from the public, before drafting that stuff.
from K Prince to everyone: 11:28 AM
The Marijuana Industry Trade Association of Arizona (MITA-AZ) will be holding a social equity workshop and be able to provide interested parties with the latest developments as they unfold.
mita.az.org
from Ryan Wilson to everyone: 11:29 AM
im there!
from K Prince to everyone: 11:29 AM
Oops, it is Mita-AZ.org
from K Prince to everyone: 11:30 AM
The Arizona Cannabis Chamber of Commerce will also be able to provide social equity information as it develops.
from 177 569 1758 to everyone: 11:31 AM
thanks
from Melinda to everyone: 11:31 AM
Thank you.
from Angela Romeo to everyone: 11:31 AM
Thank you
from Jeff to everyone: 11:31 AM
thank you
from Ryan Wilson to everyone: 11:31 AM
looking forward to submitting more comments! Thank you!
from Shelley Bissell to everyone: 11:31 AM
Thank you, everyone.
from Jon Udell to everyone: 11:31 AM
Thank you to ADHS for holding this meeting and everyone for the comments!