



City Council  
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Addendum #2  
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## **Meredyth Muth**

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**From:** Michele Lippert Slivken <mslivken@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 10:28 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** New Pot Ordinance feedback

I'm seeing a lot of on-line hysteria regarding proposed ordinance to allow additional pot shops in Louisville.

I wanted to reach out to say that I am NOT opposed to this ordinance. I've never looked at our sales tax rules in Louisville, but I'm hoping there will be some much needed revenue generation from sales tax. Would the city see any revenue from this activity?

Michele Slivken  
Louisville resident

**From:** [S.H](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Maintain POT Restrictions  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 10:23:43 AM

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Where possible please maintain the pot restrictions in Louisville. I left boulder happy to get away from the constant clouds of pot near high density housing because they give me and half of my family strong headaches just smelling it a little. For us the resulting headache is far worse than exposure to cigarette smoke. There are plenty of places people can buy pot. Let boulder be the center but let Louisville be more of a family community. I could care less what people do in their homes, cigarette, cigar, pot, but for my family personally public smoking of pot does affect us far more than cigarettes even if they are less carcinogenic. More dispensaries around here would likely increase the amount of public smoking as you remove a lot of the minor travel barriers that encourage people only to acquire it by driving their vehicle and therefore not smoke it while walking home through the neighborhoods, or especially near crowded high density housing. I dont care if people possess it wherever. But like cigarettes, guns, vehicles, and sex I care about where they engage in its active use and how it affects others when they do. Since pot smoking in public is easy to do and not (i believe) illegal, minor barriers to discourage it are a plus.

Respectfully  
Steve Hughes Louisville resident about 5 years.

**From:** [Gillian Gardner](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to relaxing rules for marijuana dispensaries  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 11:51:21 AM

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Dear Louisville City Council,

In regards to the marijuana dispensary rules revisions currently being discussed. I wish to voice my opposition to multiple more dispensaries being allowed in the city. I see in the proposed ordinance notes, that the downtown area has been, and would continue to be, an area where no dispensaries can be located. The same reasons that you may not want the establishments in that area, are the reasons that I don't want them in my area, or frankly anywhere that I can see them. I understand that there is an unfairness in rules being applied to marijuana establishments, that aren't applied to liquor establishments. So be it - there are enough people already with substance abuse problems, and intoxicated on the road.

Yes, having more marijuana retailers would greatly increase sales tax dollars. It would also increase marijuana use. So, driving on the road we would inevitably have people abusing alcohol, people abusing pot, and people who are drinking and high. The increase in sales tax dollars would be near term, and as far as I'm concerned, ill-gotten gains, in exchange for long term losses in the character and perceived standards of the community, the normalization of marijuana use to kids, their increased access to it, its effect on young brains, an increase in traffic accidents and crime, and probable loss of property value over time.

I don't want to be embarrassed to say I live in Louisville. When I visit other states and tell people that I am from Colorado, it seems there is always a chuckle from them and a wisecrack about us being "potheads", which is irritating. It may surprise you to know I partook in college days, when virtually everyone smoked. I stopped because I wanted to live a healthy life, be a reliable person, and achieve as much as possible, and I could see that dope-smoking was in opposition to all of those things. For medical use, it sounds like a good alternative to more harmful medications.

Thanks for considering this point of view.

Sincerely,  
Gillian Gardner  
516 Ridge View Dr., Louisville, CO 80027

**From:** [dringle@gdc-us.com](mailto:dringle@gdc-us.com)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [dringle@gdc-us.com](mailto:dringle@gdc-us.com)  
**Subject:** Expanded Marijuana Ordinance for Louisville  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 11:27:38 AM

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City Council,

I am writing regarding the an effort by the City Council and Mayor Muckle to expedite to remove nearly all restrictions on marijuana retail sales in our city and to expand to large scale marijuana operations. This is unacceptable in trying to move forward with changes that reduce the buffer from K-12 schools to a 500 ft buffer; which could negatively in pack our community. This buffer change is in direct conflict with the state statute of at least 1,000 ft. Also, it is my understanding that the City Council and Mayor Muckle is including provision that will allow for large scale marijuana growing operations within city limits aimed at the Louisville Colorado Tech Center area. All this has been done by the City Council and the Mayor without a public outreach to the Louisville City residents, schools, churches and business. Currently the only councilman to request public input is Chris Ley; why hasn't this been done and discussed in a public forum with public input directly with the City Council and Mayor Muckle? We need the opportunity to voice public opinions and concerns regarding the effects of locating or allowing to locate marijuana stores / operations to be next door to daycares, parks, playgrounds, ball fields children's recreation facilities and churches. We need to hold true to making and continue to make Louisville, CO one the best Small Town communities in this country and specifically this state . . .

This is a high level of concern regarding moving forward without the opportunity for public input! We don't need additional marijuana stores "15 with 5,000 square foot pot shops in Louisville," at least without working towards obtaining and receiving public input. Why do thing behind Closed Doors . . . this is an area of concern!

My family has lived in Louisville since 1991 . . . the changes over the past 27 years, which has made us highly regarded as an ideal community needs to be considered and maintained.

Thank You,

Don Ringle

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**From:** [Frank Harney](#)  
**To:** [BobM@louisvillco.gov](mailto:BobM@louisvillco.gov); [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Public Input needed on any changes to Marijauna business locations, NO expansion of licenses  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 10:55:25 AM

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Dear Mayor Muckle & Council;

I am against any variance to the current Louisville ordinances regarding Marijuana business location placement. A flyer was placed on my vehicle this past weekend, while downtown.

At the minimum, the law shall be as restrictive as defined by state laws/constitution. Also bear in mind that the future church properties of St. Louis Church and Ascent Church will most certainly involve a school.. So it is unwise to allow restricted businesses into the CTC - only to have their allowability removed when one, or more, schools are planned within that zone.

I am against any expansion of licenses - until I see a line out the doors waiting to enter to purchase that product.

I also would be in favor of restricting any future licences to residents of Louisville.

Thank you,  
Francis Harney

863 W Chestnut Circle  
Louisville, CO 80027

**From:** [Debbie davies](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Marijuana code  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 12:14:21 PM

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Dear City Council Members,

My concern is not with the 500 ft distance from schools, but rather with the odor aspect of grow operations. My husband works near I 25 and 8th Avenue and he says that the slightly smoky slightly acrid smell permeating the area is from large scale marijuana grows. I know the new code calls for odor mitigation, but how and where is odor measured and how high are the fines? Will the fines increase each time there is an occurrence? Can they lose their license if they have too many violations?

On certain days when we can smell Greeley air, many miles away, we know a storm is coming. How do we know the odor is coming from Louisville businesses and not neighboring towns or cities?

Thank you,  
Deborah Davies  
603 W. Aspen Ct.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

**From:** [Jody Ringle](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#); [Robert Muckle](#)  
**Subject:** Removing Marijuana Restrictions, Really???  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 12:29:48 PM

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It's come to my knowledge that the Mayor and City Council are meeting this evening to expedite an effort to remove nearly all restrictions on Marijuana retail sales in our city. The big question is, "Why are you doing this behind closed doors?"

The whole reason we moved to Louisville is because of its family environment and a great place to raise our children. Obviously, we're one of the ones who were disappointed that marijuana was even available in our town. People can say all they want, but it's a known fact that marijuana is the gateway drug. Every addict always says that they started with marijuana and then moved on to something stronger.

Our son-in-law is an officer in Broomfield and he has seen huge problems come throughout that city since they legalized marijuana. Last year our daughter got hit by a driver and when she went to call the body shop to repair, they told her they couldn't take her car for 3 months! When she asked why? They told her that since they've made marijuana legal, they are busy 12 months a year! Good business for them, as they said that generally they are only swamped during the winter months, because of snow accidents.

What message are we sending our children? I wouldn't have a problem if you had to go to a pharmacy to get it and it was controlled, but with Louisville legalizing recreational marijuana it's gotten out of control.

Is our town selling out for the almighty buck? Is that really what our Mayor and Council Members are doing? Why the closed door? I ask that you not remove what "little" restrictions that we do have and consider what many of us citizens of Louisville want for the good of our community. Give us the chance to say what we want in our town.

Please consider!  
Jody Ringle  
303-359-0292

**From:** [Teresa Peck](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** new marijuana laws  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 1:24:28 PM

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Hello,  
I, like others, have recently found out about the city taking a new look at the marijuana retail business and considering changes. It looks like a lot of the changes would be in favor of expanding the marijuana retail business. I have a lot of concerns about this, number one being the impact on my family, meaning my kids. I didn't move to Louisville 21 years ago evening dreaming that my kids would have to worry about legal marijuana being right around the corner. I also worry about other families in Louisville, and what it means to them, and how it would change Louisville, and not for the good.

But my biggest concern, because it affects all the others, is the total disregard for the law of the land and the precedent that has been set and it now being followed to the down fall of it's citizens.

1st-Colorado disregarded the Federal law and allowed Medical marijuana.  
2nd-Colorado disregarded the Federal law and allowed Recreational marijuana.  
3rd-Louisville disregarded the Federal law and opened its arms to the whole marijuana industry.  
4th-Louisville is now trying to disregard Colorado State law and lower the restrictions yet again!

It is amazing how government officials try to allow one little thing first and then once they have the people used to that, the go for bigger and bigger "prizes." When Louisville City Council voted on this several years ago, I know they were excited about being the first, well this is one race we don't want to win. We don't want to be known for our Pot industry!!! We already have the benefits of that and it's not good. We already had a high school teacher that was fired for sharing marijuana with a teenager. Do you want more stories like that about Louisville?

There's a good reason for the Federal Law of no marijuana. It is for the good of the people of the United States of America. I, myself, love and respect the United States Constitution and wish we had more public officials that did too. I wish people would quit trying to see how close they can get to the edge without falling off, and just stay clear away from things that are not for the good of this nation. Money never made someone truly happy, and the money that you would get from more marijuana isn't going to make the citizens of Louisville any happier.

Teresa Peck

**From:** [justin](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Parking and pot  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 2:04:57 PM

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Please no parking structure.

Do we want our largest building to be a parking garage? Come on, let's have a vision of what we want to be.

Pot stores. Come on, let's have a vision of what we want to be.... Louisville, not Lafayette, not Denver, not like everywhere else.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** [Lisa Hughes](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Pot stores  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 2:06:26 PM

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I understand you're considering allowing huge pot shops here in Louisville and reducing how far they can be from homes and schools. Please do not allow this in our town. It is harmful to the high school kids to have access that close and people driving while high is also on the rise. I have almost been hit using the lighted crosswalk on Via Appia from people not paying attention and it will be worse if they're high. Please don't allow these shops to come. Also how can you decrease the setback since it'll be less than state law?

Thanks  
Lisa Hughes  
887 Larkspur Court  
Louisville

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Bruce Kovalski](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Pot  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 2:52:03 PM

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Louisville does not need more pot. Warehouses. Take time and citizen input first  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Amber Allen](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** MMJ Shops - Against Additional Shops  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 3:30:52 PM

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If the Council is truly considering easing regulations and allowing more pot shops in Louisville, I just wanted to email my objection to that. I feel we already have too many.

Thank you.

-Amber Allen  
545 Adams Avenue, Louisville

**From:** [Joel Hayes](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on Ord 1769 Series 2019  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 3:03:14 PM

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Dear City Council members (and Mayor):

I write to ask you to approve Ordinance 1769 Series 2019. I think it is past time to effectuate the will of the voters and to take advantage of the sales tax and retail dollars involved with Marijuana sales. I understand the concern raised regarding buffer zones, and would encourage the further consideration of exactly how long those zones should be, perhaps including the 1000 foot buffer zones in the Controlled Substances Act.

Thank you for considering my input.

Sincerely,

Joel Hayes  
187 Harper St.  
Louisville CO 80027

**From:** [Gail Dunning](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding opposition to super pot stores  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 2:54:56 PM

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I understand that

Mayor Muckle and the Louisville City Council has expedited an effort to allow up to fifteen, 5,000 square foot super pot shops in Louisville and that these stores would be allowed to locate next door to homes, daycare, parks, playgrounds, ball fields, children's recreational facilities and churches. This includes the site of the new Ascent Church and proposed Saint Louis Church.

This change would also reduce the buffer from K-12 schools from ¼ mile down to 500 foot, which is in direct conflict with the state statute of 1000 foot. This has all been done by council without a public outreach to our residents, schools, churches and businesses.

I perceive this to be something that should be put before the citizens of Lewisville prior to the council moving any further towards any resolution. Speed dialing this through and dealing with the aftermath is not appropriate. I would guess that there would be strong consequences to the council in the future if they do not follow the proper protocol and put citizens voices first. I have taken a poll of many residents and they feel strongly in the same way that I do.

Gail Dunning  
303 666-4810

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** [aaholmleslie@gmail.com](mailto:aaholmleslie@gmail.com)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Christopher Leh](#)  
**Subject:** Expanded Pot Sales  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 4:01:06 PM

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Council Members,

Please don't let the lure of sales tax revenue change the face of Louisville. This is a great community that attracts people because it isn't a cookie-cutter version of some other town. Yes, pot is legal and selling it is expected, but do we need to expand the number of shops and potentially damage the environment around schools and residential communities by allowing pot shops to intrude so closely?

How about some creative thinking and public input about what other enterprises and activities might attract people to visit and spend money? Yes, that would take time, but shouldn't City Council take the time to thoughtfully explore other commercial endeavors?

Public input and opinion is important and deserves to be considered. Please don't hurry this decision.

Thanks to Chris for reaching out.

Leslie Aaholm  
Louisville resident

**From:** [christopher laird](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Marijuana ordinance  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 4:18:22 PM

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Louisville Council Members,

I am writing to support the proposed changes to Louisville's marijuana ordinance. We could use the increased tax base.

Thank You,

Christopher Laird

Louisville resident

**From:** [Brian Topping](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Content of the text I will like to read this evening, if appropriate  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 4:14:21 PM

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My name is Brian Topping. I am a Louisville resident and own a home at 1550 White Violet Way.

I was surprised to learn last night on social media about agenda item 8C. I personally have seen nothing but thoughtful consideration of issues by the council and want to start by appreciating that. We don't always have to agree 100% in order to respect the best compromise in a democracy and I really believe in the process and camaraderie that this council engages with in each issue. Thank you!

What brought me out tonight was not the content of the ordinance changes, but rather a lack of community empathy for the plight of our youth. I hope we are all looking to protect them as our first priority. I appreciate there is a natural reflex that kicks in when easier access to recreational drugs is discussed.

The quantity of liquor and weed shops would self-regulate if they were less profitable. Colorado kids have some of the highest suicide rates in the nation. I think we can combine a solution to these problems if we think harder.

So let's focus on the City Council Communication from January 8, 2019. Pages 12 and 13 look at municipal excise taxes on cannabis:

- Firstly, these taxes should be high enough that selfish cannabis entrepreneurs locate elsewhere. We only want good neighbors in Louisville, regardless of the industry they are in.
- Those entrepreneurs that do locate here should consequently feel they are party to a very unique partnership with the community as we create innovative diversions for youth – as a team.
- At some point in this iterative process, drugs won't even make the list of go-to habits for our youth, both at home and when they

move away.

- This will not hurt the entrepreneurs. Cannabis is an excellent relief for many ailments and that demand will not change.

Drugs and suicide are often discussed together, but correlation is not causation. For a kid that is thinking about killing themselves, drugs are a rare oasis on a tortured journey. We need to completely change their journey, and these excise taxes could easily provide the resources to do so. We must not lose this opportunity.

“Just Say No” and abstinence is just talk that just pushes troubled youth toward drugs and alcohol as a means of rebellion. On the other hand, strong youth drive by endless dispensaries (and liquor stores) and it never crosses their mind to stop at one. How do we help ALL youth become that strong, regardless of their situation?

This is something that requires study rather than simple reference to what other municipalities are doing. So my specific request is a vote on the ordinance is delayed until such time as a study group can make a recommendation to such programs. We need to know what the soul of those programs are just as much as their cost to maintain. Then we need to write these goals into the legislation and make sure that they cannot be defunded without also removing the businesses that were allowed by them.

Until we can create the confidence for every neighbor that the number of kids who want to experiment will go down in the face of access going up, I do not believe we will have consensus that any of this is a good idea.

Thank you for listening and everything you do.

**From:** [Olivia Edwards](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Marijuana  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 4:52:57 PM

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I hope there will be no sales, no cultivation, no testing, no MJ shops allowed in Louisville. I think such businesses will adversely affect the family culture of the town. Don't be dazzled by the promise of money. It would be a lot more expensive to buy Louisville's reputation back. Perhaps impossible.

Olivia Edwards  
355 W. Spruce St.  
Louisville, CO 80027

**From:** [Laura Patrick Wolton](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Dispensary rule changes  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019 5:56:22 PM

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Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to tell you that as a homeowner in Louisville, the proposed rule changes for pot dispensaries deeply concern me. I am concerned for the youth of Louisville, my home value, and what I see as a decrease to the charm of Louisville. A lot of people, like my mother 25 years ago and me 5 years ago, moved to Louisville from Boulder for a less busy, more hometown feel. Over the years, the town has changed quite a bit, especially with the giant marijuana signs that welcome people to our town off of Hwy36. While I can't do anything about people using recreational marijuana in Louisville, I know that I must say something about it's sale in Louisville. I do not approve of the changes that allow for a reduced distance from schools or the lifting of the limit of the number or allowing for an increase in size of dispensaries. While the long term negative effects of pot use, the impacts on human lungs, and the impact on youth health and addiction are well known, you perhaps have not considered the effect of legitimizing these businesses by allowing them to spread in Louisville. The message we send to kids is that it's ok to do drugs, yet we tell them over and over that it's not. This impact is hard to measure—how much are kids influenced by seeing these signs all around—but there's no doubt that it does and will have an impact on whether they find drug use acceptable or not. We are responsible for the messages they receive as community members. There's already a significant drug use issue at Monarch High School that I am aware of (my teenager attends there), so adding more dispensaries can only increase the exposure of kids to pot (many of whom steal from their parents and sell to other kids). However, the most concerning part is that the City Council will actually be part of promoting this.

As a public policy researcher at a nearby university, I can say that making continued allowances for these businesses ahead of its full legalization in the United States is foolish. Not only are we inviting people from the non-legalized states to continue pot dependencies here, we are fully supporting it by making special allowances for dispensaries. From an equity standpoint, the selling and heavy taxation of marijuana also increases disparities in income inequality, which should be of concern to the Louisville City Council. Studies show that low-income users spend a larger portion of their income on marijuana and that the most frequent users are those who are in the low-income bracket. I want to support all people in keeping their hard-earned money.

Louisville is not Boulder and frankly, that's what families like about it. More dispensaries drawing people from nearby or remote areas are not what this town wants.

Please enter into public record that my husband, Peter Wolton and I do not support Ordinance No. 1769, series 2019.

Thank you in advance for your time,  
Laura and Peter Wolton  
1112 Hillside Ln  
Louisville, CO 80027