

Petition to Stop Recreational Marijuana Retail Sales Within West Richland City Limits (ORD-26-23)

Petition summary and background:	<p>The City of West Richland has decided to reconsider the current provision attached to City Code (ORD-26-23) prohibiting marijuana retail sales (pot stores) inside the West Richland City Limits. Currently there are no pot stores within West Richland City Limits; the pot store on Arena Road is outside West Richland City limits. The City Council intends to vote on whether to amend the City Code, which if passed, will permit retail pot stores. The August primary election ballot will include an Advisory Vote giving registered voters the opportunity to provide feedback to the City Council (non-binding) to "allow" or "not allow" marijuana retail sales within City Limits.</p> <p>Based upon WA state law, eliminating the provision West Richland currently has restricting pot stores could potentially permit three (3) or more pot stores within our City limits, in addition to the Arena Road location. The city's projection of total annual revenue from all pot sales is \$127-\$161,000, minus code and police enforcement costs.</p>
Action petitioned for:	<p>We, the concerned citizens of West Richland, do not support the introduction of recreational pot stores into our family-friendly city. We ask the West Richland City Council to <u>vote to maintain the current provision</u> banning pot stores inside West Richland City Limits.</p>

Printed Name (Reqd.)	Signature (Reqd.)	Address (Reqd.)	Email	Date	Reg. Voter ✓

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