



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MEMORANDUM

ITEM: Ordinance 2020-02 Recreational Cannabis	DEPARTMENT: Police Department
AGENDA SECTION: New Business	SUBMITTED BY: John Carter, Chief of Police
ATTACHMENTS: (X) Ordinance () OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	DATE: January 27, 2020

BACKGROUND:

As of January 1, 2020, the Cannabis Recreational and Tax Act became effective and it is now legal for adults aged 21 and over to possess and use cannabis in a recreational setting.

Certain provisions of the Act are enforceable with civil monetary penalties. Some of these offenses are possession by those under 21, providing false identification to purchase, prohibited conduct in public places (walking down the street), and cultivation by those not holding a medical cannabis card.

Other offenses are for dispensaries for waste disposal and cannabis advertising along with on-premises consumption. On-premises consumption can also be carried over to any business that allows consumption on their premises without proper licensing.

While some of these may not be necessary at this time because we do not have dispensaries in Monticello, I believe it is important to get Ordinances in place so if the time comes, we can enforce these issues at a local level.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the City Council discuss and pass this Ordinance Amending Chapter 93 of Title IX of the City of Monticello Code of Ordinances to regulate cannabis as provided in the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.