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**CITY OF NEWPORT TO HOLD A SECOND PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR COMMUNITY INPUT ON  
WHETHER TO ALLOW EARLY SALES OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA  
BY MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES**

The Newport City Council will hold a second public hearing on whether to allow early sales of recreational marijuana by medical marijuana dispensaries beginning October 1, 2015. The hearing will be held at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers of the Newport City Hall, 169 SW Coast Highway.

In November 2014, Oregon voters approved Measure 91. This law provides for the personal growing, possession of limited amounts of recreational marijuana, and directs the OLCC to develop and administer a licensing system for the production, processing, and sales (wholesale and retail) of recreational marijuana. Since that time, the state legislature has approved four separate bills that prescribe actions that local governments can take regarding the regulation of recreational marijuana. One of the effects of the voter-approved measure, and legislative actions, has the following impact: On October 1, 2015, sales of recreational marijuana from medical marijuana dispensaries can begin unless the city enacts an ordinance prohibiting early sales prior to that time.

Newport City Manager, Spencer Nebel, prepared a more comprehensive report on recreational marijuana issues which he presented to the City Council at its meeting of August 3, 2015. Follow this link to view the [City Manager's full report](#). Nebel also provided the City Council with a copy of the Oregon Health Authority rules related to the sale of recreational marijuana by medical marijuana dispensaries at the special City Council meeting held on August 31, 2015.

The public is encouraged to attend the public hearing on September 8, 2015 to provide comments on whether the city should allow the early sales of recreational marijuana by

medical marijuana dispensaries beginning on October 1, 2015. Written comments may be submitted to the City Recorder, via e-mail, at [publiccomment@newportoregon.gov](mailto:publiccomment@newportoregon.gov), or by mail, or dropped off to the City Recorder at City Hall, 169 SW Coast Highway, Newport, Oregon 97365. Written comments must be submitted by 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, and will be included as a part of the record during the public hearing scheduled that evening.

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