

Adult Use of Marijuana Act – Fact Sheet

The Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) was approved by California voters on November 8, 2016, and goes into effect **November 9, 2016**. The AUMA allows for adult recreational use of marijuana in the City of Palm Desert as described below.

Personal Adult Use/Cultivation

- ❖ Applies to any adult age **21 or over**.
- ❖ Any adult may generally:
 1. Smoke or ingest marijuana or marijuana products in a private home or at a business licensed for on-site marijuana consumption.
 2. Possess, process, transport, purchase or give away to other adults up to 28.5 grams (1 ounce) of marijuana in non-concentrated form up to eight (8) grams of marijuana in concentrated form.
 3. Possess, plant, cultivate, harvest, dry, or process up to six (6) living marijuana plants for personal use within a private home, as long as the area is locked and not visible from a public place.
- ❖ **Smoking** marijuana is prohibited in the following circumstances:
 1. In any public place.
 2. Where tobacco is prohibited or as stipulated in the Palm Desert Municipal Code (PDMC) Chapter 8.36.
 3. Within 1,000 feet of a school, day care center, or youth center when children are present.
 4. While driving, or riding in the passenger seat of, any vehicle used for transportation.
- ❖ No one may **possess** marijuana or marijuana products in the following circumstances:
 1. On school grounds, in day care centers, or in youth centers while children are present.
 2. In an open container while driving, operating, or riding in any vehicle used for transportation.
 3. The City of Palm Desert may choose to ban all outdoor marijuana cultivation for recreational use and/or reasonably regulate indoor cultivation.

Commercial Cultivation & Sale

- ❖ No business may sell marijuana for recreational use until that business acquires a state license. State licenses will likely not be issued until **January 2018**.
- ❖ The City of Palm Desert may enact a ban on, or regulations related to, nonmedical marijuana businesses.