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MEMORANDUM

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To: Board of Health  
From: Cannabis Policy Task Force  
Re: Draft Regulations  
Date: May 29, 2018

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The Cannabis Policy Task Force at their meeting of Thursday, May 24, 2018, reviewed the draft regulations compiled by your Board relative to marijuana establishments and the sale of marijuana in the Town of Dighton.

We have the following recommendations that we hope you will consider prior to adopting your final regulations on the matter.

- Section A, paragraph 2: change “youth” to “individuals under the age of 21”
- Section A, paragraph 3: Seeking clarification on the “local fee requirements”. Should this be here if there aren’t any fees included in the regulation? Is the Board of Health voting on fees separately?
- Section B, definition of “Adult-only retail tobacco store”: Is this definition here due to its reference in item 12 under Section D?
- Section B, definition of “Board of Health”: Board of Health Agents should be capitalized.
- Section B, definition of Minimum Legal Sales Age: Underline and separate it from the preceding definition.
- Section D, item 8: Seeking clarification on what type of business could be conducted off-site.
- Section D, item 10: Add in a provision that prohibits renewal of licenses if any taxes are owed to the Town.
- Section D, item 11: change “the minimum legal sales age” to “age 21”. This will make it consistent with our recommended change under Section A and also the proposed ByLaw coming before Town Meeting on June 4.
- Section K, item 2: The Bylaw references a 1000 foot buffer zone from public or private schools. The regulation and the Bylaw must be in harmony.
- Section K, item 4: The security plan should be given to and reviewed by the Dighton Police Department. Perhaps replacing “Board of Health” with Dighton Police Department or adding “in conjunction with the Dighton Police Department.”
- Section K, item 5: change “may” to “shall” require the distribution. . . .
- Section L, item 2: add in language allowing the Board of Health to conduct periodic sting operations similar to the sting operations allowed for liquor licenses.

- Section M: We are requesting that the Board of Health revisit this section as we see it would open a lot of doors to all sorts of business models. The Task Force believes that these two stipulations (a and b) can potentially make the regulations obsolete. The Task Force believes that variances should be few and far between, and suggests that the stipulations for being considered for a variance should impose stricter parameters than are listed here.

We thank you for your kind attention and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or comments.

Thank you.