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Subject: Medical Marihuana Applications to be Accepted by City Clerk starting January 7, 2019

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In December 2018, following the recommendation of a City Commission Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Commissioner Brian McGillivray, who chaired the committee, as well as Mayor Pro Tem Amy Shamroe and Commissioner Michele Howard, the City Commission adopted regulations allowing for medical marihuana facilities within the City of Traverse City.

City Clerk Benjamin Marentette’s Office, which is charged with reviewing and approving all applications in consultation with various departments and agencies, will have application packets available on the city’s website on January 7, 2019. The City Clerk’s Office will immediately begin accepting such applications; and with the exception of applications for provisioning centers (retail outlets), the City Clerk will accept applications for all facility types on an ongoing basis.

The application packets, which are concise yet extensive – will contain a list of frequently asked questions as a customer service tool to assist potential applicants with understanding key aspects of the city’s regulations. Additionally, mapping tools have also been developed in coordination with the City’s GIS Division.

For provisioning centers, the City Commission established a maximum of thirteen such permits that may be issued by the City Clerk and all applicants who pass an initial review, will be entered into a lottery which will be conducted publicly on May 3, 2019. Therefore, the City Clerk recommends that applicants seeking a provisioning center permit submit their application as soon as possible as all necessary steps to be eligible for entrance into the lottery must be completed by May 3, 2019.

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