

**Memorandum**

From: Councilor Lisle Baker

To: City Council

Subject: Amendment to the zoning amendments regarding the size limit for marijuana stores

Date: November 16, 2018

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As you will read in the Zoning and Planning Committee Report, one issue which was a subject of discussion was the size limit on retail RMD or Recreational Marijuana stores, currently set in the proposed amendments at 5,000 square feet. After conferring today with Ms. Ciara of the Planning Department, I understand that she is agreeable to a reduction to 4,500 square feet. She indicated that the two stores already approved or in the pipeline are at 4,000 square feet or a little over. That would follow the precedent of the two stores we have and what might be necessary for them to be permitted, but without encouraging larger stores in larger spaces elsewhere in the City.

I will therefore offer an amendment on Monday at the Council meeting to reduce the overall threshold for both facilities (RMD and Recreational) from 5,000 to 4,500.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

Cc: Law and Planning Departments