

**CITY OF CRAIG
ORDINANCE NO. 663**

An Ordinance Establishing a Limited Moratorium on the Receipt or Processing of Applications, Permits, or Pending Approvals Pertaining to Marijuana Establishments.

Section 1. Classification. This is a non-code ordinance.

Section 2. Severability If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Section 4. Action. The Craig City Council finds the following.

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2014, the Alaskan voters approved a ballot measure legalizing the use of marijuana, and, with a State license, the operation of marijuana establishments, defined as cultivation, manufacturing, testing and retail facilities; and

WHEREAS, the initiative, which goes into effect on February 24, 2015, requires the State to begin accepting and processing applications for the registration of marijuana establishments within one year of the effective date of the act; and

WHEREAS, the initiative authorizes local governments to enact legislation concerning the time, place, and manner related to the operation of registered marijuana establishments, or the prohibition of marijuana establishments; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public's best interest that the Craig City Council thoughtfully consider and adopt legislation regulating marijuana establishments within the City of Craig; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this moratorium is to allow the City of Craig a reasonable period of time to consider and enact legislation concerning the operation of commercial marijuana establishments in the Craig city limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CRAIG CITY COUNCIL:

Moratorium. The City of Craig shall accept no development permit application, proposal, or other documentation for a similar purpose, nor act on pending applications, proposals, or documentation for a similar purpose, pertaining to marijuana establishments, including marijuana cultivation, testing, and product manufacturing facilities and marijuana retail stores. The prohibition imposed by this section shall remain in effect until March 31, 2016.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Mayor Dennis Watson

ATTEST _____
Kassi Bateman, City Clerk