

**COLUMBIA, MISSOURI  
MEDICAL MARIJUANA INITIATIVE PETITION**

TO: THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF COLUMBIA  
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

We, the undersigned, being duly qualified electors of the City of Columbia, County of Boone, State of Missouri, present this Initiative Petition and respectfully request that the following proposed ordinance of the City of Columbia be passed by the City Council, and if not passed by the City Council, that it be submitted to a vote of the people of the City of Columbia.

The proposed ordinance is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING POLICY FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND PARAPHERNALIA POSSESSION PROSECUTIONS, amending Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri by adding a provision to Division 23 of Chapter 16 relating to medical marijuana and paraphernalia cases in the Municipal Court of the City of Columbia pursuant to applicable city ordinances, and fixing a time when this ordinance shall become effective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

That Chapter 16, Division 23 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri relating to the possession of a misdemeanor amount as defined by state law of marijuana and possession of marijuana drug paraphernalia is amended as follows:

(A) The purpose of this Initiative is to ensure that patients, for whom marijuana has been recommended by a physician, suffer no punishment or penalty for obtaining, possessing, and/or using medicinal marijuana and/or paraphernalia used to consume medicinal marijuana.

(B) Adults who obtain and use marijuana and/or marijuana paraphernalia for medicinal purposes pursuant to the recommendation of a physician shall not be subject to any arrest, prosecution, punishment, or sanction. If an adult obtains a physicians recommendation for marijuana use after an arrest, such charges shall be dismissed. If this provision is held invalid, then a maximum fine of \$50 may be imposed. There shall be a strong presumption that the appropriate disposition is a suspended imposition of sentence. Also, physicians who recommend marijuana for their patients shall not be subject to any arrest, prosecution, punishment or sanction. All such matters shall only be referred to the Municipal Prosecuting Attorney, and no other prosecuting attorney, and the Municipal Prosecuting Attorney shall not refer the matter to any other prosecutor, agency, or office, unless the adult is also charged with a felony offense arising from the same set of facts and circumstances. The term "seriously ill adults" shall include patients who suffer from side-effects of the treatment of cancer, HIV/AIDS or symptoms of multiple sclerosis, chronic severe pain, glaucoma, arthritis, migraine headaches, or any other serious condition for which marijuana provides relief and for which a duly licensed physician has recommended such use.

(C) The provisions of this measure are severable—if any provision of this measure is declared invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions of the measure which can be given effect without the invalid provision.

(D) This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage by the Columbia City Council or voters of the City of Columbia and any city ordinance or regulation that is inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be null and void once this Ordinance is passed.

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Each of the undersigned states that he or she has personally signed this Petition, that he or she is a qualified elector of the City of Columbia, Missouri, that he or she has not signed any other Petition for the same proposal, and that his or her residence, including street and number, if such exists, is correctly written below after his or her name.

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STATE OF MISSOURI        )  
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 COUNTY OF BOONE        )        ss.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn upon oath, state as follows: I circulated the foregoing Initiative Petition; I believe each of the above signers to be a legal voter of the City of Columbia, Missouri; I believe each signature appended to the Petition is a genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be and all of the above \_\_\_\_ signatures were affixed in my presence.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Address

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to, before me, a notary public, in Columbia, Missouri, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_