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Retail Marijuana Separation Vs Cap Follow-up Discussion

Summary and Background Information:

Emerging from last month's study session on potential updates to the current marijuana ordinance, City Council had provided staff direction on conducting additional research in order to help inform their decision. At the request of council, staff has conducted additional analysis that looks at the following:

- A scenario analysis that analyzes the effects of a separation requirement between retail stores at a 250' separation, 500' separation, and a 1,000' separation.
 - This analysis was conducted in 4 different groupings of eligible properties in the city:
 - o Stapleton Industrial Park
 - o 56th Avenue Industrial Park (From 56th to 60th, between US 85 & Monaco),
 - o Quebec Street between 53rd & 54th
 - o Di Giorgio Industrial Park (Northeast Corner of 104th & US 85)

Resulting from this analysis and the information provided to council in the last study session, staff is requesting feedback on the following potential updates to city code:

- 1. Establish a separation requirement between retail marijuana stores.
- 2. A) Establish a cap on the total number of retail marijuana stores in the city, B) Establish a total cap per ward (or other geographic boundary).
- 3. Establish a combination of both a cap and separation requirement for retail stores.
- 4. No modification to the existing ordinance.

The presentation will summarize the information provided to council previously, regarding the current ordinance, research from other jurisdictions, analysis of how proposed changes to the ordinance would impact properties in the city, and how the new scenario analysis would affect certain areas of the city.

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