
CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS

Mayor's
Office

Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor

DATE: July 14, 2010

TO: City Council

RE: Medical Marihuana

Over the past few months, there has been considerable attention to the issue of Medical Marihuana sales and growing operations. On a statewide initiative to legalize medical marihuana, the question was approved in November 2008 on a statewide margin of 63% to 37%.

As I'm sure you are aware by reading various newspaper accounts, several communities have adopted a Moratorium on this matter to enable them to develop appropriate standards. After numerous discussions with Mr. Staran and staff, I would like to request the City Council to consider the attached Resolution that establishes a Moratorium immediately for 180 days. This will provide the Administration and the City Attorney with additional time to conduct more research, evaluate and communicate with other communities as to their efforts, and to seek public input before the Planning Commission with public hearings.

It is requested that the City Council schedule this matter as a discussion item once the Administration has had some time to prepare the alternatives for consideration.