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STATEMENT REGARDING PROPOSED MARIHUANA FACILITIES ORDINANCE

Monroe, Michigan – The City of Monroe is issuing the following statement in response to the recent discussion at a City Council meeting regarding the proposed adoption of an ordinance prohibiting the establishment or operation of marihuana facilities in the City of Monroe:

"On Tuesday, November 6, 2018, the Michigan electorate will consider whether to adopt Michigan Proposal 1, Marijuana Legalization Initiative (2018). This ballot proposal will legalize Marihuana use for individuals over the age of 21. Among other aspects of the proposal, it would allow municipalities to prohibit or limit marihuana establishments within their boundaries, as well as to regulate the time, place, and manner of operation of marihuana establishments and of the production, manufacture, sale, or display of marihuana accessories.

If passed, this legislation has the ability to fundamentally alter the community's landscape in terms of potential impacts on land use considerations, zoning, etc. City Manager, Vince Pastue, "This proposed ordinance gives the City the opportunity to comprehensively address what marihuana establishments will be considered; how many and where; how close to a school, a park, a church, or a residential area, etc."

There is a great deal of uncertainty related to the implementation and regulation of the Act for all Michigan communities. Thoughtful deliberation on this issue is required as the city moves forward.

The ordinance in question will simply allow time to evaluate the state's regulations if the initiative passes, and keep the City Council's options open after the November 6th election.

City Manager, Vince Pastue: "This proposed ordinance only pertains to marihuana establishments, not general, personal use that would be allowed under the ballot initiative."

A public hearing regarding this ordinance is scheduled for Monday, November 5 at 7:30PM at the Monroe County Courthouse, Monroe County Commissioner Chambers, 106 East First Street, Downtown Monroe. The ordinance will be considered for adoption the same meeting."

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