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Dear Director Schmeling,

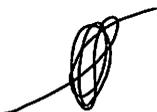
Harvest of Lake Havasu City is requesting an amendment to the Lake Havasu City Zoning Code Section 17(c)(iii) to extend the hours of operation for licensed medical marijuana dispensaries in Lake Havasu City from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. We believe this change, which would make Lake Havasu City code consistent with state law, will benefit patients and increase tax revenue to the city, while not adversely affecting public safety.

There has been a significant increase in medical marijuana patients registered with the Arizona Department of Health Services over the last seven years. Extending Lake Havasu City's hours will allow more access to dispensaries without increasing the need for additional dispensaries or requiring residents to leave the city.

Finally, we do not believe this change will have an adverse effect on public safety. In fact, when recommending a similar change in May of last year, Phoenix city staff concluded that: "based on the numerous reviews of existing non-profit medical marijuana dispensaries, there are not significant public safety issues or detrimental effects from these establishments, including the ones with extended operating hours." The Phoenix City Council adopted the change. The Tempe city council similarly adopted the change in February of this year.

In conclusion, extending Lake Havasu City's dispensary hours of operation is a simple change that will benefit the city and its medical marijuana patients.

Thank you for your consideration,



Steve White, Chief Executive Officer
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Proposed Code Language

17. Medical marijuana business.

c. *Operation.*

- i. On-site consumption of medical marijuana is prohibited.
- ii. A notice shall be clearly, conspicuously and legibly posted in the medical marijuana dispensary indicating that ingesting or consuming marijuana in any public area within the city is prohibited and that ingesting or consuming marijuana on the premises is prohibited.
- iii. Operating hours shall be limited to between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.