

AGENDA ITEM F. PUBLIC HEARING

X. State application for a marijuana establishment license; Nikiski Area

STAFF REPORT

PC MEETING: Monday, May 08, 2017

Applicant: North Road Buds

Landowner: Vernon L. Smith

Parcel ID#: 01307007

Legal Description: Lot 11 Wik Lake Subdivision, according to Plat K-1350, Kenai Recording District

Location: 50815 Kosta Rd

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On Thursday, January 26, 2017 the applicant notified the borough that he/she had submitted an application to the state for a Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility license. On Friday, February 03, 2017 the applicant supplied the borough with a signed acknowledgement form and a site plan on Friday, February 03, 2017 of the proposed Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility on the above described parcel. The Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office notified the borough that the application was complete on Friday, April 07, 2017. Staff has reviewed the completed license that has been submitted to the state and the site plan submitted to the borough and has found the following concerning the standards contained in KPB 7.30.020:

1. The Borough finance department has been notified of the complete application and they report that the applicant is in compliance with the borough tax regulations.
2. Borough planning department staff has evaluated the application and has determined that the proposed facility will be located greater than 1,000 feet from any school.
3. Borough planning department staff has evaluated the application and has determined that the proposed facility will be located greater than 500 feet from all recreation or youth centers, and all buildings in which religious services are regularly conducted, and all correctional facilities.
4. The proposed facility is not located within a local option zoning district.
5. The proposed facility is located where there is sufficient ingress and egress for traffic to the parcel.
 - The parcel has direct access to a state maintained road and will not be accessing a borough right-of-way.
 - The signed acknowledgement form indicates that there will not be any parking in borough rights-of-way.
 - The site plan indicates a clear route for delivery vehicles which allows vehicles to turn safely. Because the applicant owns the property on both sides of the roadway, there is a sufficient turning radius from the parking and loading area.
 - On-site parking and loading areas are designated at a location that would preclude vehicles from backing out into the roadway. Kosta Road is a 20-foot wide easement. There is sufficient parking adjacent to the roadway without the need to back into the roadway.
6. Because this application is for cultivation the hours of operation for a retail store is not applicable.

KPB 7.30.020(E) allows the recommendation of additional conditions on a license to meet the following standards:

- protection against damage to adjacent properties,

- protection against offsite odors,
- protection against noise,
- protection against visual impacts,
- protection against road damage,
- protection against criminal activity, and
- protection of public safety.

The Alaska Marijuana Control Board will impose a condition a local government recommends unless the board finds the recommended condition is arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable (3 ACC 306.060b). If the Planning Commission recommends additional conditions, additional findings must be adopted to support the conditions.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Public notice of the application was mailed on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 to the 4 landowners of the parcels within 300 feet of the subject parcel. Public notice of the application was published in the Thursday, April 27, 2017 & Thursday, May 04, 2017 issues of the Peninsula Clarion.

KPB AGENCY REVIEW: Application information was provided to pertinent KPB staff and other agencies on Wednesday, May 1, 2017.

ATTACHMENTS

- State marijuana establishment application with associated submitted documents
- Site Plan
- Acknowledgement form
- Aerial map
- Area land use map with 500' & 1,000' parcel radius

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the planning commission forward this application to the assembly with the findings contained in this staff report and with the recommendation that the following conditions be placed on the state license pursuant to 3 AAC 306.060(b):

1. The marijuana establishment shall conduct their operation consistent with the site plan submitted to the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
2. There shall be no parking in borough rights-of-way generated by the marijuana establishment.
3. The marijuana establishment shall remain current in all Kenai Peninsula Borough tax obligations consistent with KPB 7.30.020(A).

END OF STAFF REPORT