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**THE CITY OF NEWPORT  
WILL HOLD A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
ON ORDINANCE NO. 2063  
REGARDING A MORATORIUM ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES**

On April 7, 2014, the City Council of the City of Newport will be considering Ordinance No. 2063 regarding a moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries in the city. Public comment will be accepted at the City Council meeting which will be held in the City Council Chambers, at 6:00 P.M., at City Hall, 169 SW Coast Highway, Newport, Oregon.

In March, the state legislature and governor approved changes that allow local governments to implement a moratorium on the licensing of medical marijuana dispensaries to provide adequate time for local legislative bodies to consider any of the local regulatory options allowed by the state. The City Council can consider a moratorium on the licensing of medical marijuana dispensaries for up to a year, but it also has the option of removing a moratorium once local regulations are considered and adopted.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance No. 2063 will be included in the City Council packet which will be posted on the city's website by Friday, April 4, 2014, at 9:00 A.M.

Interested parties who are unable to attend the Council meeting may submit written comments, by e-mail, to Peggy Hawker, at [p.hawker@newportoregon.gov](mailto:p.hawker@newportoregon.gov), by 3:00 P.M., on Monday, April 7, or by bringing written comments to City Hall by 3:00 P.M. on Monday, April 7, 2014.

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