Frequently Asked Questions

CULTIVATION
Medical Marijuana


In accordance with the State of California’s Health & Safety Code § 11362.777(g), the following types of non-commercial medical marijuana cultivation are allowed. No permit or license is required from the City.

- “A qualified patient cultivating marijuana pursuant to Section 11362.5 [of the Health and Safety Code] if the area he or she uses to cultivate marijuana does not exceed 100 square feet and he or she cultivates marijuana for his or her personal medical use and does not sell, distribute, donate, or provide marijuana to any other person or entity.”

- “A primary caregiver cultivating marijuana pursuant to Section 11362.5 [of the Health and Safety Code] if the area he or she uses to cultivate marijuana does not exceed 500 square feet and he or she cultivates marijuana exclusively for the personal medical use of no more than five specified qualified patients for whom he or she is the primary caregiver within the meaning of Section 11362.7 and does not receive remuneration for these activities, except for compensation provided in full compliance with subdivision (c) of Section 11362.765.”

CULTIVATION
Non-Medical Marijuana


In accordance with the State of California’s Health & Safety Code § 11362.2, personal, non-medical marijuana cultivation is allowed subject to the following. No permit or license is required from the City.

- “The living plants and any marijuana produced by the plants in excess of 28.5 grams must be kept within the person’s private residence, or upon the grounds of that private residence (e.g., in an outdoor garden area), in a locked space, and not visible by normal unaided vision from a public place.”

- “Not more than six living plants may be planted, cultivated, harvested, dried, or processed within a single private residence, or upon the grounds of that private residence, at one time.”

Be sure to do your research prior to beginning marijuana cultivation! Private property owners and homeowners’ associations may have additional rules and regulations. Federal law may also conflict with state law.

To report suspected illegal marijuana activity, please contact the Orange County Sheriff’s Department at (949) 770-6011. In case of an emergency, please call 911 immediately.
DELIVERIES
Medical and Non-Medical Marijuana

Marijuana delivery services lawfully operating from locations outside the City’s jurisdiction are permitted to deliver marijuana to customers, qualified patients, and primary caregivers within the City, provided the marijuana delivery service has any and all necessary state licenses and is operating in a manner consistent with state law (Laguna Woods Municipal Code § 13.26.027).

Be sure to do your research prior to beginning marijuana deliveries! Private property owners and homeowners’ associations may have additional rules and regulations. Federal law may also conflict with state law.

DISPENSARIES
Medical and Non-Medical Marijuana

Marijuana dispensaries are expressly prohibited in all zoning districts throughout the City, regardless of whether the marijuana is used for medical or non-medical purposes. No person shall establish, operate, conduct, permit or allow any marijuana dispensary use anywhere within the City. A State license for the operation of a marijuana dispensary does not entitle the licensee to establish, operate, conduct, permit or allow a marijuana dispensary within City limits (Laguna Woods Municipal Code § 13.26.025).

COLLECTIVES AND COOPERATIVES
Medical Marijuana

Medical marijuana collectives and cooperatives without dispensary presences are able to operate in the City, in a manner consistent with state law, until such time as state law prohibits their doing so.

Be sure to do your research prior to beginning medical marijuana collective or cooperative activities! Private property owners and homeowners’ associations may have additional rules and regulations. Federal law may also conflict with state law.