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## Lansing City Clerk

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### **Lansing City Clerk will start a 30 day window of accepting Medical Marijuana Provisioning Centers Applications on Nov. 16**

Lansing – Starting on Thursday, November 16 at 8 a.m and for the next thirty days, the Lansing City Clerk’s Office will be accepting Medical Marijuana Provisioning Center Applications. The application and scoring criteria have been finalized after a public comment period and are available at [lansingmi.gov/marijuana](http://lansingmi.gov/marijuana)

“We continue to move forward to ensure a fair selection process that allows me to select the most qualified applicants that provide long terms of benefit to the City in terms jobs and investment, but most importantly to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents,” said Clerk Chris Swope.

The Medical Marijuana Ordinance directs the Clerk to select no more than twenty applicants for the first round who would receive “conditional approval,” but would not receive a license to operate in the City until the applicant receives approval from the State of Michigan. An additional five applicants would be selected after a second application period. To be eligible for consideration in the first round, their application must be in by 5 p.m. on Friday, December 15.

Because of the Lansing City Ordinance limit on the number of provisioning centers, the criteria for scoring and selecting applicants must be set prior to accepting any provisioning center applications to ensure a fair review process. The Medical Marijuana Ordinance provides a broad outline of important factors such as: capital investment, jobs created, resident safety, and business operating experience. The Clerk is charged with determining the standards and process for selecting applicants.

In addition to provisioning centers, the Clerk’s Office is accepting applications for the other four different types of licenses available: Safety Compliance, Processor, Secure Transporter and Grower Facility. There is no limit on the number of these types of licenses. At this time, no applications have been submitted.

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